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Ottawa Humane Society inspector Miriam Smith holds Churo, a three-month-old male kitten who is up for adoption and needs special care because of a heart murmur. With new animal-welfare enforcement powers, the OHS is encountering social problems and criticism from people who fall under OHS scrutiny. **More coverage, page 6.** JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Mental-health strategy just in time: CHEO boss

Full support . Mental-health crisis visits have risen dramatically in last two years

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Emergency psychiatric visits to the Children's Hospital of Eastern Ontario (CHEO) have climbed more than 50 per cent in the last two years, and as a result CHEO doctors are giving Canada's first national mental-health strategy their full support.

"The need has never been more urgent for investment in mental health, nor has the timing been more right," said CHEO CEO Alex Munter.

In 2011, 2,604 kids went to CHEO due to such crises as suicidal thoughts or harming themselves or others, up from 1,674 in 2009. In-patient stays are up by 40 per cent over three years, but the standards for admission have also changed because the hospital no longer admits patients for assessment alone.

Munter attributes the increase mainly to a change in attitudes from parents who are more motivated and less ashamed to get mental-health treatment for their children.

The Mental Health Commission of Canada launched its report on a national mental-health strategy Tuesday after five years of work. The report recommends focusing mental-health care on children to prevent more severe problems in adults.

"We are living through a sea change in attitudes about mental health," Munter said. "There has been so much stigma and discrimination towards people with mental-health problems and illness that it has resulted in people not seeking help. Over the last number of years, the stigma is receding."

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Duo launch flower-delivery service for forgetful men

KeepHerHappy.
No more chaotic last-minute quests for bouquets, pair says

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Dan Fallak has seen the panic in men's eyes on Valentine's Day at the flower department of local grocery stores and thought there should be a better way to send women flowers.

Then he and his childhood friend Shaun McQuaker came up with an idea for an automatic flower delivery service catering specifically to men. It's called KeepHerHappy.ca.

Fallak and McQuaker launched the service on May 2 and say it's meant to "keep men out of the dog house and keep the women in their lives happy."

Guys who sign up for the service will have flowers delivered to their significant other on her birthday, their anniversary and Valentine's Day (or other occasions).

All the website requires is their address information, a couple of important dates and a selection of the right flowers.

"We feel that it's actually even more caring that you go to the trouble to ensure she gets flowers instead of remembering in the last minute on the way home from work," said Fallak.

KeepHerHappy.ca partnered with Ottawa-based floral company CanaFlora to deliver the flowers across Canada.

Fallak said he was inspired by other new subscription startups, including Manpacks.com, which sends men underwear, socks and razors on a schedule.

"Men covet convenience," said Fallak.

He said he hopes to expand the service by next year and add the option to allow men to automatically have flowers delivered to their mothers for Mother's Day.

Dan Fallak, right, and business partner Shaun McQuaker launched an automatic flower delivery service for men called KeepHerHappy.ca on May 2. JOE LOFARO/METRO

Teen hospitalized in vehicle collision

Firefighters cut apart this Toyota Echo to rescue a 17-year-old girl after a collision on Bank Street between Snake Island Road and Spring Hill Road Tuesday morning. CONTRIBUTED/OTTAWA FIRE SERVICE

A 17-year-old girl is in serious condition in hospital after her car was crushed by a tractor-trailer on Bank Street Tuesday morning.

Emergency crews rushed to the collision on Bank Street between Snake Island Road and Spring Hill Road at about 8:45 a.m., where the girl was trapped in her Toyota Echo from the torso down, an Ottawa Fire Services spokesman said.

Firefighters and an off-duty nurse immobilized, assessed and treated her until paramedics arrived.

It took rescue crews 25 to 30 minutes using the Jaws of Life to remove all four doors, the roof and the dash, which had trapped her legs.

The 17-year-old suffered serious upper and lower fractures to one leg and a head injury, paramedics said.

She was conscious at the scene of the collision, they said.

The tractor-trailer driver was not injured. Ottawa police are investigating.

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Eric Gillis. One elite Canadian runner says he's treating local marathon as part of his Olympic training

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One of the closely watched runners in the 2012 Tamarack Homes Ottawa Race Weekend plans to take it easy this year as he sets his eyes on the prize in London.

Eric Gillis said he will incorporate the 10k race at Ottawa Race Weekend into his 14-week-long training session to prepare for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games marathon. At last year's race in Ottawa, he placed fourth with a time of 29:15.

"We're just going to get a race in rather than any specific placing or time in Ottawa," said Gillis. "It's good to get a race in while you're training to mix it up a bit."

That could mean leading contender Tadese Tola from Ethiopia might have an even chance to come out on top this year. His personal best time is 27:48, which he set back in 2009 in New York.

Gillis says he enjoys coming back to compete and said Ottawa Race Weekend is where he caught his "marathon bug."

"I remember coming up from university back in 2004 and 2005, doing the 10k and watching the marathon," said Gillis. "It's a good atmosphere and it's great that it's spread over two days."

Canadian Reid Coolsaet is also headed to London in July and will compete in the 10k in Ottawa, too.

Ottawa Race Weekend runs from May 26 to 27.

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Eric Gillis says the 10k race at Ottawa Race Weekend will be part of his training for the 2012 Summer Olympic Games marathon. CONTRIBUTED

Grade 12 student Janelle Tam celebrates her first prize at the national Sanofi BioGENEius Challenge with Diane Finley, minister of human resources and skills development. GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

Anti-aging formula made from trees wins national science competition

Using nano-particles from trees, a 16-year-old high school student from Waterloo has created a disease-fighting, anti-aging compound netting her the $5,000 first prize in a national science competition.

Grade 12 Waterloo Collegiate Institute student Janelle Tam's antioxidant formula discovered in tree cellulose could one day become an additive in anti-aging cosmetic products, food and medicine.

"It could support chemotherapy treatment, be used as in food preservatives, and it also prevents wrinkles," Tam said of her discovery. "There are compounds called free radicals that damage healthy cells, causing diseases like cancer. What this antioxidant does is reduce them to a more stable state."

During the Sanofi BioGENEius Challenge at the National Research Council of Canada's headquarters Monday, Tam presented her work to a panel of eminent Canadian scientists.

Her win will take her to the challenge's international competition in Boston this June.

"I'm so excited to go to the internationals and am really grateful to all the people supporting me," she said. Tam's father, a professor of chemical engineering at the University of Waterloo, was a big inspiration during her research, she said.

"At one point I lost three months of work. I wanted to give up but he reminded me that research is not always about success and that it takes persistence."

At the event, Ottawa's Romina Hassanzadeh — who won the competition's regional prize last week — took home the fifth-place prize.

"After seeing all the talent in this room," NRC president John McDougall said of the assembled competition winners, "NRC should have brought a recruiting booth."

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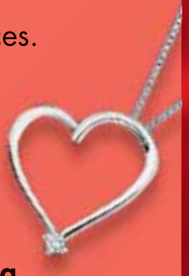

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Animal hoarders or rescuers? The distinction isn't always clear

Animal welfare. With about 1,200 investigations a year, the Ottawa Humane Society is laying more animal-cruelty charges and finding more people in need of help

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Elissa Aubrey-Lafreniere poses with her dogs Bella and Dakota in her apartment last Wednesday. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

A cat and three kittens rest at the apartment of Elissa and Nora Aubrey-Lafreniere. JESSICA SMITH/METRO

Mother and daughter Nora and Elissa Aubrey-Lafreniere have been taking in alley cats for years — and since the Ottawa Humane Society was given the legal power to enforce stricter animal-cruelty laws, they have been in and out of court.

"I don't know why they're doing this," an agitated Elissa said last Wednesday.

The Ottawa Humane Society (OHS) has repeatedly seized cats from the home, and the pair are facing charges as a result. They are just two of the people the animal-welfare agency is seeing through the court system as part of its job to enforce animal-cruelty laws in the city.

There were at least six cats in the apartment on Wednesday, in defiance of a court order. The Ottawa Humane Society seized them two days later.

The Aubrey-Lafrenieres pleaded guilty to animal cruelty in 2010 after the OHS seized 33 cats and a dog from their apartment in 2009. They are prohibited from owning animals, with the exception of their two huskies, Bella and Dakota.

In the first raid on their home, the OHS euthanized 29 of the 33 cats and a dog.

"They didn't have a chance," Elissa said.

Their sentence included mandatory counselling for animal hoarding and the OHS was granted inspection rights at their home.

Nora said she is also facing a harassment charge related to the OHS.

During an interview with Metro, for which Elissa and Nora had about 15 minutes' advance notice, the small apartment was clean and didn't smell. A huge dog bed took up most of the living room, fur covered most of the surfaces and the six cats crawled everywhere.

The women say they are rescuing animals in their neighbourhood from mistreatment and neglect by "alcoholics and drug addicts" — and saving them from being put down by the humane society.

The OHS says they're animal hoarders. They may not mean to hurt the animals, but the cats are not properly socialized and most have diseases that haven't been adequately treated, the OHS alleged when it first charged them.

Before 2009, animal-welfare societies could lay charges only when they could prove wilful harm to an animal. Now humane societies and the Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals in Ontario can charge people with animal cruelty under a provincial law when an animal has been in distress and the owner hasn't stopped it, OHS inspector Miriam Smith said.

"I'm not going to say it's easier, but it's less onerous," she said.

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Tough calls

Animals and humans in distress

Last year, an Ottawa judge gave the first jail sentence for animal cruelty under a new provincial law. Between April 2011 and April 2012, the Ottawa Humane Society laid 21 new charges against pet owners — including Nora and Elissa Aubrey-Lafreniere, who were charged for a previous breach of a court order against having cats.

Many, but not all, of the people the OHS seizes animals from are living with mental-health issues or in poverty, inspector Miriam Smith said. "We don't really have a responsibility for the people," she said. "Our job is the animals."

The OHS turns to the city health department or police mental-health crisis team for help with some pet owners, and calls the Children's Aid Society when agents come across children who are at risk, Smith said.

"Anywhere we can do anything to help those animals out by helping the people out, that's what we're looking to do. The more resources put into them, the more help is going to go to the animals."

Elissa and Nora say they don't want or need help and accuse the OHS of treating them heavy-handedly and mistreating animals.

Smith says their cats were put down because they were too anti-social and many had long-term diseases. "Most of the animals that have come from them have been euthanized — so I can understand why they would think that," she said.

Elissa says the society was rough when it brought in police to execute a search warrant.

"If I didn't open the door, they were going to break it in. They said it was an emergency and animals were in distress. They walk into the house and the cops were like, 'What the hell?' They were shocked," Elissa said.

The shock was because the situation wasn't what the humane society had made it out to be, she said. "They said there was sh-t all over the place, a high smell. There wasn't."

Smith insists the situation was dire and when the OHS is refused entry to a home, inspectors get a warrant and have police carry it out.

After the 2009 raid, the OHS issued a press release that described the home: "(There were) multiple cats in need of immediate veterinary care. There was an overwhelming smell of urine throughout the entire apartment building, and feces was found covering walls, furniture and ground into the carpet of the particular unit involved."

Elissa and Nora say they are angry at the OHS for the way they and their pets have been treated, but have no plans to stop taking in cats.

Smith says the OHS always pushes for people to be assessed and treated in animal-hoarding cases.

"It's tough. It really is tough," she said.

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Social change. Experts say our dependence on technology has changed not only the way we work, but also our society

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Technology helps us multitask at work, connect with our colleagues and find needles of information in the global haystack of data. But when it malfunctions, watch out.

According to a new Toshiba Canada survey, 40 per cent of Canadians cite wayward technology as the number one complaint they have at the office today.

"The number one thing people complained about 10 to 15 years ago was the photocopier," said Chris Higgins, a professor at the University of Western Ontario researching the impact of technology in the workplace.

"We are so dependent on technology right now that if you get a virus on your computer you can't do a thing."

In the survey, 52 per cent of respondents said dealing with malfunctioning technology pulled them away from other important responsibilities and 25 per cent said they had missed a deadline due to a technology failure.

Yet one of the survey's most interesting findings is that 86 per cent to tablet users experience workplace stress (compared to 68 per cent of laptop users and 57 per cent of desktop users) and that tablet users are least likely to "cut the cord" after work hours.

"It comes down to convenience," said Higgins. "You can have a tablet in the passenger seat while you're driving and type away on it. A lot of people just like to be stimulated. The next email, the next phone call is their juice. It's what keeps them going."

There are those who think these changes in behaviour need to be looked at more closely.

"People have really changed the way they work, wait for the bus, the way they spend their time at dinner parties and even during funerals," said Marc Saner, Director of the University of Ottawa's Institute for Science, Society and Policy.

"This is a social change and it's something that we need to start looking at and take into account."

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Feel like screaming? According to Toshiba Canada, 86 per cent of tablet users experience workplace stress (compared to 68 per cent of laptop users and 57 per cent of desktop users). GRAHAM LANKTREE/METRO

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Rush at Tim Hortons.
Tiny newborn arrives on the double-double

They could name her "Timbit."

Staff at a Tim Hortons outlet in Windsor are used to serving double-doubles — but delivering a baby was an entirely different experience.

Restaurant manager Aaron Hayes says a woman entered the coffee shop Tuesday, saying she was expecting a baby soon and didn't feel well.

Staff were soon gathering towels, and one of them, Judy Glenn, helped the woman deliver her daughter in the women's washroom.

Hayes says a 911 dispatcher also helped by giving instructions over the phone.

Tasty at Tim's

Timbits were introduced by Tim Hortons in April 1976. "Bit" is an acronym for Big In Taste.

Minutes later, EMS arrived to take the woman and the baby girl to hospital.

"The lady's OK. The baby's OK," Hayes said.

Hayes, a father himself, said Glenn also has children so she had some idea of what to expect. She was given the rest of the day off. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Teens targeted

Tory MP wants to ban that tan

Conservative MP James Bezan is pushing for age limits on tanning beds.

His private member's bill would ban the use of tanning beds and booths by people under 18. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Funeral goes on

His Craigslist ad seeks lost ashes

Blake Williams advertised on Craigslist in B.C. after losing his brother-in-law's ashes. The bag fell out of Williams' car on the way to the funeral. Saanich police are helping to locate the bag. METRO IN VANCOUVER

'Together they did this ... together they are guilty'

Tori's mother, Tara McDonald, walks into court in London, Ont., on Tuesday with partner James Goris and a friend. DAVE CHIDLEY/THE CANADIAN PRESS

The Tori Stafford killing. Michael Rafferty and Terri-Lynne McClintic were both involved in events, Crown says

Michael Rafferty was no innocent bystander in the abduction, rape and murder of eight-year-old Victoria Stafford, court heard Tuesday.

Rafferty was the one in control of the events of April 8, 2009, from start to finish, the Crown said in its closing submissions at his first-degree murder trial.

The assertion is in stark contrast to the defence closing arguments, in which Rafferty's lawyer, Dirk Derstine, suggested Terri-Lynne McClintic was the engine behind Tori's killing, and Rafferty had no idea what she was up to.

But Crown attorney Kevin Gowdey told the jury in London, Ont.: "Michael Rafferty and Terri-Lynne McClintic were in this together. Together they did this to Tori Stafford. Together they are guilty."

McClintic, who is already serving a life sentence after pleading guilty to first-degree murder, testified that Rafferty urged her to kidnap a young girl, that he raped the girl, and that pent-up rage from her own childhood traumas caused McClintic to snap and murder Tori.

That testimony marked a change from what she told police for years — that Rafferty was the one who killed Tori with a hammer.

Rafferty, 31, has pleaded not guilty to first-degree murder, sexual assault causing bodily harm and kidnapping. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Defence's view

Terri-Lynne McClintic "perjured herself over and over and over again."

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Claim of dead-baby remains in capsules re-investigated

China. South Korean customs officials say they have discovered 35 smuggling attempts of capsules disguised as stamina boosters

China will re-investigate allegations that Chinese-made drug capsules containing powdered remains of dead babies are being smuggled into South Korea, state media reported Tuesday.

Ministry of Health spokesman Deng Haihua said an investigation launched last August found no proof that such capsules were being manufactured in China, the official Xinhua News Agency said.

Some people believe the capsules can cure a variety of diseases.

Deng said in a statement that China would investigate again following new reports of such pills being smuggled into South Korea, Xinhua reported.

The statement was not posted on the ministry's website and calls to the ministry rang unanswered.

The Korea Customs Service said Monday it had seized capsules made in northeastern China from dead babies whose bodies were chopped into small pieces and dried on stoves before being turned into powder.

Deng said Chinese health departments would work with police, customs agencies and commerce authorities to investigate the latest claims, Xinhua said.

The South Korean customs agency began investigating after receiving a tip a year ago.

No sicknesses have been reported from ingesting the capsules.

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Details

- Some people believe the capsules are a panacea for disease. However, they contain bacteria and other harmful ingredients.
- South Korean customs officials have refused to say where the dead babies came from or who made the capsules, citing possible diplomatic friction with Beijing.

A beef with U.S. meat imports

South Korean civic-group members hold signs during a rally against the import of U.S. beef in Seoul on Tuesday, following the recent discovery of mad-cow disease in the U.S. LEE JIN-MAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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Underwear bomb: No new security

Airport security. Current technology would have spotted al-Qaida's newest underwear bomb, no new security measures being put in place

Airport security procedures, with their intrusive pat downs and body scans, do not need to be toughened despite the discovery of a new al-Qaida airline bomb plot.

The plot uses more sophisticated technology than an earlier attempt, but current technology would have spotted it, U.S. congressional and security officials said Tuesday.

U.S. detection methods would likely have spotted the shape of the explosive in the upgraded underwear bomb intercepted by the CIA, said a U.S. official speaking on condition of anonymity.

Latest plot

Before the bomber could choose his target ... the CIA swooped in and seized the bomb. The fate of the would-be bomber remains unclear. CIA foils al-Qaida plot.

No new security measures are being put in place, the official said.

The CIA, with help from a well-placed informant and foreign intelligence services, conducted a covert operation in Yemen in recent weeks that disrupted a nascent suicide plot and recovered the new bomb, U.S. officials said.

Officials said the bomb has a more refined detonation system than the underwear bomb that failed to go off aboard a jetliner over Detroit in 2009. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Maurice Sendak—monumental figure in 20th century children's literature—dies at 83

In this 1985 photo author Maurice Sendak poses with one of the characters from his book "Where the Wild Things Are," designed for the operatic adaptation of his book. Among the most honoured and adored children's authors, he ranks with Dr. Seuss as a revolutionary force of the past half-century. He told stories for children that were actually about children, not what adults wished them to be. He died Tuesday in Danbury, Conn. after suffering a stroke last week. For more on Sendak's impact, see Voices. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS/FILE PHOTO

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Supporters of former Ukrainian Prime Minister Yulia Tymoshenko protest outside the jail in Kharkiv, Ukraine, Tuesday. The sign at right reads, in Ukrainian, "Ukraine - Liberty." ALEXEY FURMAN/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

European leaders boycott Ukraine summit

Taking a stand. Heads of state show their disapproval of treatment of ex-PM

Ukraine on Tuesday was reduced to calling off a Central Europe regional summit after most heads of state boycotted it over the treatment of jailed former prime minister Yulia Tymoshenko.

The embarrassing move came after a dozen heads of state, including the German and Czech presidents, had refused to attend the Central and Eastern European summit to be held Friday and Saturday in the Crimean resort city of Yalta after Tymoshenko went on a hunger strike to protest an alleged beating by prison officials.

The Ukrainian Foreign Ministry said it decided to postpone the summit until a later date because of the leaders' inability to come.

Ukraine faces harsh Western pressure for the jailing and alleged mistreatment of Tymoshenko, with some politicians calling for boycotting the Euro 2012 football championship the country co-hosts in June.

The campaign to free and end the mistreatment of Tymoshenko has become a top human-rights issue for the European Union and has drawn comparisons with Western sanctions against Belarus, another former Soviet nation on the EU border. Its authoritarian president, Alexander Lukashenko, has cracked down on dissent and sent opposition leaders to jail.

Tymoshenko was sentenced to seven years in prison on charges of abuse of office while negotiating a natural-gas import contract with Russia in 2009. Tymoshenko charges that her arch foe, President Viktor Yanukovych, has ordered her imprisonment to bar her from October parliamentary elections. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Egypt

Military attacked journalists: Rights groups

Two media-rights groups condemned the Egyptian army for assaulting and arresting journalists who were covering a recent violent crackdown on anti-military protests in Cairo.

Reporters Without Borders recorded 32 attacks on journalists during clashes last Friday. It said at least 20 reporters were assaulted or beaten and 11 injured. The Committee to Protect Journalists urged the military to investigate allegations that two journalists were "viciously beaten up by soldiers." THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

U.S. Lawmakers target therapy for homosexuality

A group of California lawmakers Tuesday weighed a first-of-its-kind ban on a controversial form of psychotherapy aimed at making gay people straight.

Supporters say the legislation, which is before its final committee, is necessary because such treatments are ineffective and harmful.

"This therapy can be dangerous," said the bill's author, Sen. Ted Lieu. He added the treatments can "cause extreme depression and guilt" that sometimes leads to suicide.

Conservative religious groups emphatically reject that view of sexual-orientation therapy and say the ban would interfere with parents' rights to seek appropriate psychological care for their children.

"While this is a direct assault on everyone's freedom, it is also a not-so-subtle attack on religious liberty," the National Association for Research and Therapy of Homosexuality said in a statement.

Lieu says attempts to pathologize and change people's sexual orientation should be treated akin to smoking and drinking: harmful activities that adults can choose to participate in, but children cannot.

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Civil war feared as more violence adds to Syria's misery

Annan, Red Cross paint bleak picture.
Ambushes, bombings leave thousands in peril as they struggle to meet basic needs

International envoy Kofi Annan painted a bleak picture of Syria Tuesday, citing "unacceptable levels of violence and abuse."

World powers share a "profound concern" that Syria is descending into civil war, he said.

Nevertheless, nations remain committed to his six-point peace plan, he said, and have pledged to deploy 300 ceasefire monitors there by the end of the month. But the bloodshed hasn't ended.

Annan has been tasked by the United Nations and the Arab League with devising a solution to end Syrian President Bashar Assad's brutal crackdown on a popular uprising.

He spoke to reporters in Geneva after briefing a closed-door session of the UN Security Council in New York by video conference.

The Red Cross added to Annan's grim words, saying the Syrian conflict is transforming into a guerrilla war involving ambushes and bombings. It also warned that 1.5 million Syrians are struggling to meet basic needs.

Annan said the UN's cease-fire-monitoring mission "is the only remaining chance to stabilize" Syria.

Annan told the Security Council that "unacceptable levels of violence and abuse" are continuing — that government troops are still present in and around cities and towns and human-rights violations are extensive and may be increasing.

"There have been worrying episodes of violence by the government, but we have also seen attacks against government forces, troops and installations," he said.

"And there have been a spate of bombings that are really worrying."

The United Nations says more than 9,000 people have been killed in the Syrian conflict so far.

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Fear on the horizon

"There is profound concern that the country could ... descend into full civil war. And the implications of that are frightening."

Kofi Annan,
international envoy

Women point vivid fingers at a tyrant

Female protesters display the colours of various flags on their hands on Tuesday during a demonstration demanding the trial of former President Ali Abdullah Saleh in Sanaa, Yemen. Saleh kept Yemen in a tight grip during his 33 years of authoritarian rule. His loyalists have been accused of killing protesters in an uprising that swept the country.

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Inspector killed near Iran nuke site

A United Nations nuclear inspector from South Korea was killed and a colleague injured in a car crash Tuesday near a reactor site in Iran.

Iran's state TV said the South Korean inspector, who was not wearing a seatbelt, was thrown from the car.

Iran's official IRNA news agency said the inspectors' car overturned near a heavy-water reactor being built in Khondab, about 250 kilometres southwest of Tehran.

Iran has said the reactor, part of the Arak complex, will be used to produce isotopes for medical and industrial uses.

The U.S. and others suspect that spent fuel from the reactors could be reprocessed into plutonium for a nuclear warhead. Iran denies it seeks nuclear weapons.

The IAEA did not name the inspector killed in the crash, but Iran's official IRNA news agency identified him as Seo Ok-Seok from South Korea.

The incident comes ahead of a new round of technical discussions between Tehran and the IAEA to be held in Vienna.

Higher-level negotiations also are planned later this month in Baghdad between envoys from Iran and six world powers, including the United States.

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MAY THE WILD THINGS KEEP ROARING

JUST SAYIN'
Paul Sullivan
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Yesterday, the Wild Things ceased roaring their terrible roar for one minute of silence to mourn the passing of their creator.

Maurice Sendak, author of an entire generation of kids named Max, died at 83.

You may not immediately recognize the name, but if you were ever a kid, you'll remember his book.

Where the Wild Things Are is the story about the kid who was busted for "making mischief" in his wolf costume and sent to bed without his supper. Confined to quarters, his imagination set sail and encountered the Wild Things. They were very scary but he conquered them by staring into their yellow eyes, "not blinking once." The creatures made Max their king and then let the wild rumpus begin.

They roared their terrible roars, and gnashed their terrible teeth. Everybody had a great, totally awesome time, but Max got homesick and so he said goodbye to the Wild Things and went home, where his mom was waiting and his supper was still hot.

Leaving a legacy

"Sendak did not care what the officials and the librarians thought. He only cared what the kids thought."

Oh, that Maurice Sendak.

It's hard to believe, but Where the Wild Things Are is one of the most banned books in America (land of free speech) because back in 1963, when it was published, little kids did not get to be angry and roar their terrible roars, especially at their parents.

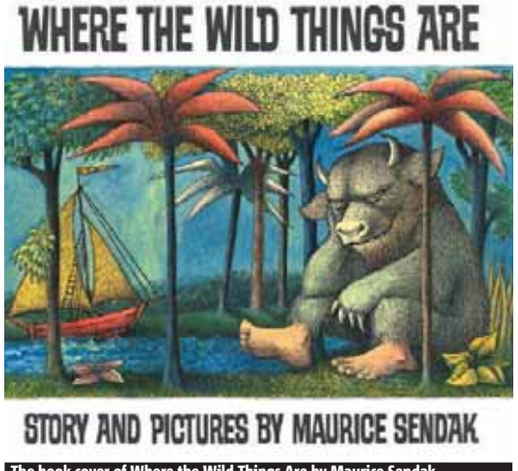
Sendak is responsible for another one of the most banned children's books in America, In the Night Kitchen, in which Mickey floats up from his bed, loses his PJs, ends up in the Night Kitchen and is nearly baked naked into the Morning Bread by three chefs who look like a cross between Oliver Hardy and Hitler.

Whatever. Sendak did not care what the officials and the librarians thought. He only cared what the kids thought: "Kids go for what they enjoy," he said. "They aren't star-chasers and they don't suck up. It's why I like them."

As much as he professed to dislike grown-ups, I think Sendak liked the little kid who lurks within. He brought all us kids — big, little, inner and outer — together at bedtime so we could have one last wild rumpus before the lights went out on another day.

And now the light has gone out forever on Sendak. With him went another piece of a rapidly vanishing spirit — the open-minded, progressive creativity that somehow kindled in the second half of the 20th century, despite (or perhaps in defiance of) two world wars.

Fortunately, the creatures of his imagination, the Wild Things, will live on — in our hearts, in our minds and in our terrible roars.



The book cover of Where the Wild Things Are by Maurice Sendak.
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Going to California

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Iconic figure

Marilyn not in Chicago Forever

The sculpture Forever Marilyn, by Seward Johnson, was dismantled and prepared for removal on Tuesday in Pioneer Court in Chicago.

The stainless steel and aluminum sculpture, which stands 26 feet tall and weighs 34,000 pounds, was inspired by Marilyn Monroe's iconic scene in the 1955 movie The Seven Year Itch when she holds her dress down as a gust of wind billows the skirt.

The sculpture, which has been on display in the Windy City since last July, will next be displayed in Palm Springs, Calif.

Dismantling the sculpture turned out to be an event, with about 100 onlookers gathering around to watch.

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Controversial creation

The statue has also been described as one of the worst public eyesores.

- There was also much controversy among critics because of the siren's exposed legs.
- It was ranked No. 1 on the Virtual Tourist website's top-10 list of worst public art.

Something to talk about

"It is a conversation-starter.... Part of the reason why the artist creates work is for people to think about what they are seeing and what it means to them."

Jenee Castellanos, associate curator of the Sculpture Foundation, which owns Forever Marilyn, to UPI.com

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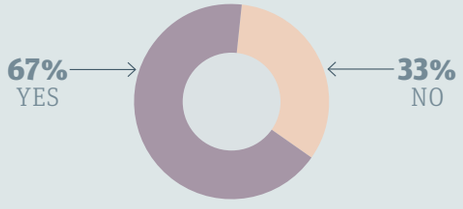

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@Liam_Duff1: Gentleman of #ottawa consider this a PSA. U know that loosely stitched tag on the sleeve of ur new suit? Ya, ur supposed to take that off

@xshannonriot: Tuesday, Oh rainy Tuesday... Go away?

@Mersaylin: GAH! SUN! This was supposed to be a rainy day and I feel oddly exposed. #BringBackTheClouds

@AZafiriou: Rainy Day = Snuggie + Harry Potter

@sunshineofjoy: A homeless man named Eddy just gallantly walked me across the street. Gave me his arm and everything. I missed Ottawa.

@the_jesstress: My neighborhood smells like pot, lol. #ottawa #sandyhill

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Credit card companies under fire

Dictating terms. Visa, MasterCard issuers set up perverse system: Competition Bureau

Canada's credit card system is a "perverse" place where shoppers who pay with cash or debit subsidize purchases made with credit cards, the Competition Bureau argued Tuesday in its opening salvo against Visa and MasterCard.

That's because merchants pay high fees for accepting credit cards and those costs are passed on to all consumers, the bureau's lead counsel Kent Thomson said in his opening statement to a tribunal hearing whether credit card companies are engaging in anti-competitive behaviour.

Presenting the case for the Competition Bureau, Thomson argued that the restrictive contracts put in place by Visa and MasterCard allow the two credit card companies — which represent 92 per cent of the market — to essentially dictate terms to merchants.

As Thomson pointed out, Visa and MasterCard charged merchants about $5 billion in fees for the privilege of accepting payments by customers using the cards, charges that merchants recoup through higher consumer prices.

Those fees, which range from 1.5 to 3 per cent on purchases, are among the highest in the world, he said, about twice the rate credit card firms charge merchants in Australia, New Zealand and many parts of Europe. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Quoted

"Most Canadians are unaware of the high cost of fees."

Kent Thomson, the Competition Bureau's lead counsel, on credit card companies engaging in anti-competitive behaviour.

The art of nostalgic advertising

Art Pastusak, left, and his apprentice Liam McWilliams, paint a billboard on a brick wall of a New York building in this April 17 photo. Pastusak, a billboard artist since 1977, took McWilliams, a 2010 graduate of Pratt University, as his apprentice in August 2011. Their nostalgic form of advertising is thriving again in New York City. BEBETO MATTHEWS/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Canadian broadcasters

Turn down loud ads: Regulators

The Canadian Radio-television and Telecommunications Commission has given broadcasters until September to ensure both their programs and commercials are transmitted at the same volume. The commission says 2009's international standard for measuring and controlling television signals will apply to minimize fluctuations in loudness between programming and commercials.
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Market Minute

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Survey. Smartphone users get what they want

The wait is just about over — the Internet will soon provide instant access to just about everything you want.

Sixty-nine per cent of 2012 Rogers Innovation Report survey respondents said that faster, better access to information and knowledge online that will "make me and my life better" was what they wanted the Internet to provide. Survey results were released Wednesday.

"What people are valuing most is real-time information" said Rob Switzman, senior director, emerging business, Rogers Communications.

The online survey polled just over 1,000 adult Canadians who use a smartphone and are connected to the Internet.

Connections

Canadians love being connected so much that 34 per cent of those surveyed said they'd give up liquor and beer before their Internet connection, 31 per cent would go without chocolate, and 27 per cent would give up coffee!

- **98 per cent.** Most surveyed use Internet to connect with family and friends.

"The Internet is no longer just a place to go.... It's creating new experiences and transforming the way people live. From apps that monitor cholesterol to fridges that automatically order groceries, the Internet is becoming the backbone of all connections in the world around us, and will continue to evolve how we go about our daily lives," said Switzman.

Seventy-two per cent expect the Internet to play an increasingly important role in the next five years, said Switzman.

One future development that Rogers is excited about, says Switzman: "We will not carry a wallet or keys.... Everything will be in your smart phone."
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Celebrity saviour

Hoffman helps cardiac arrest victim

A man who had a cardiac arrest while jogging in London's Hyde Park says his life was saved with help from a famous passerby – actor Dustin Hoffman. Sam Dempster said Tuesday that Hoffman waited with him after he collapsed on April 27 until paramedics arrived. On his recovery blog, 27-year-old Dempster thanked medical staff and "my newfound favourite celebrity Dustin Hoffman." Martin Macarthur, one of the paramedics on the scene, said: "He (Hoffman) stayed on the scene for the resuscitation. He was very concerned."

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On the web

Sarah Jessica Parker, Sofia Vergara take Met Gala red-carpet role seriously

Baron Cohen's typical antics dictate proceedings

The Dictator. Latest alter-ego is most shocking one yet as British star appals and amuses journalists at film's official press conference in New York

HEIDI PATALANO
Metro World News

Sacha Baron Cohen, dressed as his latest alter-ego Admiral General Aladeen, from his upcoming film The Dictator. DAVE ALLOCCA, STARPIX/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

The mastermind behind controversial characters Ali G, Borat and Bruno knows how to get the most bang for his buck when it comes to a public appearance.

To promote his upcoming film, The Dictator, (opening May 16) Sacha Baron Cohen arrived at New York's Waldorf Astoria flanked by four short-skirted "guards" to give a press conference to hundreds of journalists from all over the world.

Questions for the conference were pre-approved, but given the clever answers Baron Cohen concocted for them ahead of time, the lack of spontaneity might have been worth it.

Since in the film Baron Cohen plays Admiral General Aladeen — a misogynistic, racist, anti-Semitic ruler of the impoverished African nation of Wadiya — his in-character answers drew gasps, groans and laughs. Here are a few of his best zingers:

"We dictators aren't all bad. While Western countries continue to ravage our planet's resources, we preserve our land and conserve it by burying thousands of bones in single mass eco-graves."

"On behalf of my dear friend and doubles tennis partner President Assad of Syria, I want to thank the United Nations for their brave inaction over Syria. Thirteen months and still no security council resolution. You guys are amazing. You have done next to nothing for the Syrian people — but remember, you can always do less."

"It has been a tough year. We have lost a lot of good people and I have lost a lot of good friends — Gaddafi, I miss you [looks in the air]. Sorry, Gaddafi, I miss you [looks at the ground]. Also, KJ, Kimmy G, K-Jo, K-Man — you know, Kim Jong.

"And of course you know Chavez died last month... Oh, oops — you did not hear that from me.

"Ahmadinejad (Iranian president), he is still around, but he is still an embarrassment. He looks like a snitch on Miami Vice. I mean, why does he not wear a tie? Does he really think every day in Iran is casual Friday?"

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What's Next? We Have It Here.

Fans make Cumberbatch feel right at Holmes

Sherlock screening. Rousing reception for British actor whose star has risen in Hollywood since taking role of famous detective

AMBER RAY
Metro World News

PBS held a contest for the fans of Sherlock — the modern update on Sir Arthur Conan Doyle's eccentric detective — to attend a screening and Q&A with star Benedict Cumberbatch and creator Steven Moffat in honour of the series' second season, premiering tonight.

A whopping 10,000 people entered to win tickets to the event at the 400-seat Florence Gould Hall Theater in Midtown. By all accounts, it sounded like every single one of the hopefuls were in attendance when Cumberbatch entered the room to exuberant screams and applause.

But the smart, self-deprecating actor I met before fans were seated belies the rock-star reception he received on stage. The 35-year-old Brit with a wry sense of humor was candid about how he's managing to stay grounded as his profile rises.

He was careful and thoughtful as we discussed his commanding performance as the world's most famous detective. Most of all, he was gracious — counting his blessings for the opportunities he has been given and thanking, many times over, those fans so enthusiastic to make him a star.

"Have you seen the fans outside?," I enquired. "I've heard that some have come as far as South Korea and that some have been standing in line for 10 hours for tonight's event."

"No, I haven't," came his reply. "I want to go and see them at some point. And if I can, I will, because it's all about them and bringing a wide audience to something — if they are outside, they probably already watched (Season 1) and enjoyed it, and I want to be here to promote the series and make them feel included in something bigger, because it was such an event in the U.K. this year.

"Eleven million (viewers) for most — I think for all the episodes. It became a national obsession for a month. The week after (the finale aired in the U.K.) people were still trying to figure out what the hell happened at the end of episode three and how it happened. So, it's just great. It's nice to be in a watercooler moment, and I'd love for America to experience a bit of that as well."

Join the club

"There's room for all of us. It's like Hamlet."

Benedict Cumberbatch
Commenting on the new famous faces of Arthur Conan Doyle's character.

The British star is definitely having a moment himself, having starred in Tinker Tailor Soldier Spy and War Horse last year and is now filming The Hobbit and the next Star Trek movie — though he can't say much about the last two.

"I can't say anything about them, other than they're both amazing fun to do. I'm just finishing Star Trek — I've got one more day on in San Francisco in two days' time. It's been amazing."

It has been confirmed that Cumberbatch will play villain Khan in the second instalment of the new sci-fi franchise, which is enough to get people excited.

Of course, people are very excited about Sherlock Holmes right now — from the series to the films starring Robert Downey Jr. to the new TV series coming to CBS called Elementary, starring Jonny Lee Miller.

"There's room for all of us. It's like Hamlet — there can be more than one going on in the world at any one time. It's a classic role. I think all of us are fortunate enough to have a varied-enough career so that we're not all just being defined by that one role. So bring it. (Laughs.)

"Just bring it."

Rising star Benedict Cumberbatch plays the odd genius detective in Sherlock.
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Mad Men. Even the Beatles are crazy for acclaimed television series

It turns out even the Beatles are Mad Men devotees.

Sunday's episode of the acclaimed drama ended with brooding ad man Don Draper alone in his New York apartment listening to Tomorrow Never Knows from the Fab Four's 1966 album Revolver.

Mad Men husband-and-wife writing-producing duo Andre and Maria Jacquemetton say the show's creative team desperately wanted that particular song. "In the case of the Beatles, they're not known for opening up their song catalogue to everyone," Andre Jacquemetton said Monday.

"It just turns out actually that they're huge fans of the show. So in a way, it's 'Who do you get to talk to?'"

Added Maria Jacquemetton: "It was really (Mad Men creator) Matt Weiner making a personal appeal, he really worked very hard to get that particular song in the episode."

In the instalment, entitled Lady Lazarus, Draper's wife Megan (Jessica Pare) announces plans to quit the advertising business to resume pursuit of an acting career. She gives her husband the album after it's revealed he knows woefully little about popular music. "The episode is so much about Don's disappointment over the woman that he loves not wanting to be at his side ... and him sort of feeling out of touch with everything..."

That has been a recurring theme this season as the straitlaced Draper deals with the advent of the psychedelic 1960s. It was a cultural shift touched on in an episode a couple of weeks ago when Draper's colleague, Roger Sterling, went on an acid trip.

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Jon Hamm plays straitlaced ad man Don Draper on the hit series Mad Men.
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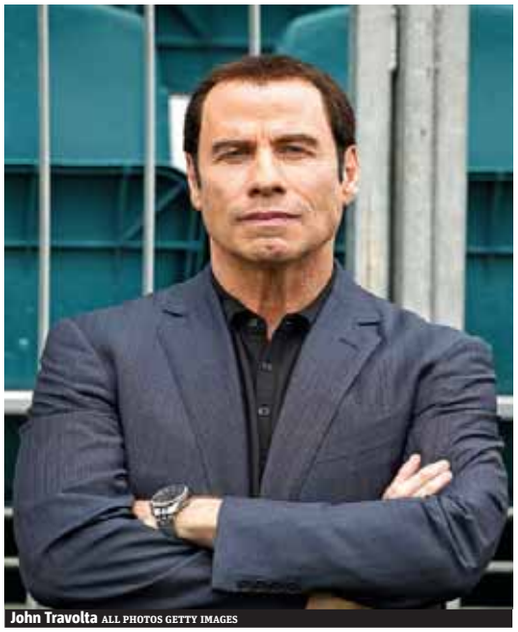

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Masseuse sues John Travolta for sexual advances

An unnamed man is suing John Travolta for sexual battery and assault, claiming the famous actor tried to have sex with him after hiring him for a massage, according to E! News.

The suit claims Travolta stripped naked, fondled himself and made several sexual advances at the man. It also states Travolta bragged to the plaintiff that he "got where he is now due to sexual favors he had performed when he was in his Welcome Back, Kotter days." According to the suit, Travolta apologized for his advances at the manand paid the plaintiff double his $400 masseur fee, but apparently that wasn't enough, as he is seeking $2 million in general damages, unspecified punitive damages and court costs.

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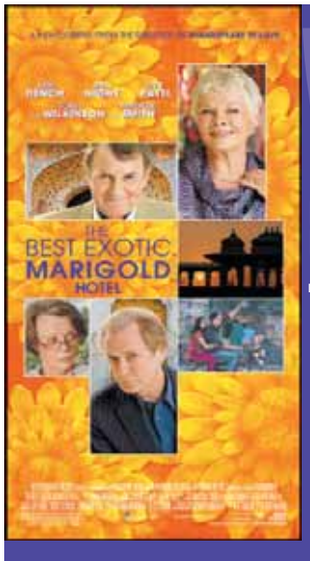
"This lawsuit is complete fiction and fabrication. None of the events claimed in the suit ever occurred." Rep for John Travolta



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Mila Kunis: Accidental superhero?

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On Friday, actress Mila Kunis called police after a man followed her to the gym for the third day in a row. Stuart Dunn, a 27-year-old homeless man, had previously been ordered to keep his distance from Kunis after allegedly breaking into her Los Angeles home in January.

Yesterday, Kunis was dialing 911 again when a man who worked at her home suffered a violent seizure. After he collapsed, she turned his head to the side to prevent choking and offered to ride with him in the ambulance, reports TMZ.

It's just as we suspected: Mila Kunis is an advanced superhuman with lifesaving powers, immune to even the perfect excuse to skip the gym. How else do you think she survived eight years in patterned bell-bottoms opposite Ashton Kutcher?

She just writes the hits...

Sheryl Crow had to ask her audience for help when she forgot the words to her hit Soak Up The Sun during her Saturday show in St. Petersburg, FL. "I'm 50, what can I say! My brain has gone to s—t!" she said after getting back on track.

Which begs the question: what wonderful, merciful rock has Sheryl been hiding under for the past 10 years?

Prince Harry

Love is still in the air for Prince Harry and former flame Chelsea

Prince Harry can't seem to keep ex-girlfriend Chelsea Davy out of his life, as the two — who split up officially in 2009 — are reportedly seeing each other, according to Us Weekly.

"They're not dating again, but they are seeing each other," a source says. "There's definitely a romantic connection still. They will never be 'just friends' — both of them admit that's impossible."

Matthew Fox

Matthew Fox busted for drunk driving

Matthew Fox was arrested for driving under the influence in Oregon earlier this week, but by Hollywood arrest standards he can count himself lucky.

"He didn't take a booking photo because the machine was broken," a source tells TMZ. "He'll have to come back and get that done another day." The former Lost star was reportedly stopped at 3:23 a.m. while on his way to a fast-food restaurant with a passenger in the car. Fox is due in court on June 7.

Twitter

Today, Kanye West is taking over to let us know some trends in men's fashion of which he's not particularly fond.

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Just driving through the city and I see a few thing I hate...

@kanyewest
I hate hoodies with sport coats

@kanyewest
I hate khaki trench coats with jeans and off brand work out sneakers

@ kanyewest
I Hate big ass striped scarves

A walk across the Brooklyn Bridge is one of the best free activities for visitors. MARY ALTAFFER, THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

5 Freebies in New York

It's ironic in a city with some of the most expensive hotels and restaurants in the world, many of New York's best attractions are free.

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1 Times Square

A vibrant public space like no other, even better in person than it looks on TV. Plenty of things here to buy, of course, but the lights, sights and people-watching are free, 24 hours a day.

2 High Line

One of the city's newest attractions, the High Line has quickly become a favourite with out-of-towners and locals alike. It's a narrow park built on an old elevated freight railway along 10th Avenue on Manhattan's West Side, from Gansevoort Street, just below 14th Street, to 31st Street. It offers a unique look at the urban landscape from 30 feet above ground, with a peek at adjacent apartments, Hudson River views, vestiges of the neighbourhood's industrial past — meatpacking plants, auto shops - as well as signs of a trendy rebirth: postmodern architecture, art installations and Diane von Furstenburg's DVF building. The northern half is more park-like with plantings, benches and birds.

3 Staten Island Ferry

This humble, utilitarian boat takes commuters between Manhattan and Staten Island 24 hours a day, and it's free. It also offers classic views of the Statue of Liberty, harbour, and skyscraper canyons. Take the No. 1 subway to South Ferry or No. 4 or 5 to Bowling Green to board the boat on the Manhattan side. Be ready for crowds at rush hour and longer waits off-peak.

4 Brooklyn Bridge

When it opened in 1883, the Brooklyn Bridge was an engineering wonder; the longest suspension bridge in the world. It remains a beloved symbol of New York and an aesthetic triumph, with Gothic arches worthy of a cathedral and a delicate filigree of cables whose patterns change with every step along the mile-long walkway. Take the A or C train to High Street, Brooklyn, and walk back to Manhattan for the best skyline views.

5 Central Park

Central Park is the city's communal backyard, a green space where New Yorkers can escape their small apartments to skate, bike, jog, picnic, push a stroller, walk a dog or climb a rock. Stroll the serpentine paths as dappled sunshine filters through the trees, and consider how well the park fulfills the goal of its 19th century designers, Frederick Law Olmsted and Calvert Vaux, who sought to create the illusion of nature in an urban environment.

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Travel in brief

Starwood sets sights on the East

Starwood Hotels & Resorts Worldwide plans to open 40 new hotels in the Middle East and North Africa over the next five years, the hotel operator said Monday. The company currently has nearly 70 high-end hotels in the region, including a recently opened Westin in Abu Dhabi and St. Regis in Qatar. It has a long history in the area, beginning with its opening of a Sheraton in 1966 in Kuwait. "Despite economic and political uncertainty in parts of the region, Starwood continues to see demand for growth of all of our brands across the Middle East and North Africa," Frits van Paasschen, President and CEO of Starwood Hotels & Resorts, said in a statement. Starwood said the region is its second-largest growth market after China. The company feels development there is key to its global growth strategy. It expects the number of tourists travelling to the region will double from nearly 80 million last year to 195 million by 2030.

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On the web

Old Montana prison offers a chilling glimpse of the past

Unravelling the Mayan mystery

Exhibit. Ancient kingdoms and glyph writings explained in new show at Penn Museum in Philadelphia

If the world ends on Dec. 21, 2012 — as some believe the Maya predicted — that leaves plenty of opportunity to see a new exhibit that examines the civilization's ancient kingdoms, intricate calendar systems and current culture.

Experts at the Penn Museum in Philadelphia apparently give little credence to the apocalypse myth, considering the show runs through early 2013. But they say the legend, which has been perpetuated in pop culture through disaster movies and sensational tabloid headlines, offers a chance to engage people about ancient and modern Maya society.

Maya 2012: Lords of Time features artifacts excavated from the historic Maya ruins of Copan in Honduras, including burial jewelry, food vessels and ceramic figures. Honduras President Porfirio Lobo Sosa is scheduled to cut the ribbon when the exhibit opens on Saturday. The show also uses interactive displays to explain the culture's glyph writing and sophisticated timetables. The upshot is that while it's human nature to seek ancient insight into the current world, people should not interpret the Maya calendar as predicting a cataclysmic event. "It's just a turn of a cycle," said curator Loa Traxler. Regarded as one of the world's greatest early societies, the Maya lived for centuries in parts of Mexico and Central America. Many of their iconic pyramids and other city remnants still stand in places like Copan, where 16 Maya kings ruled for about 400 years.

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Mayan myth

Armageddon?

As early astronomers, the Maya devised various types of calendars by observing celestial movements. Their "Long Count" calendar begins in 3114 B.C. and marks time in roughly 394-year periods known as baktuns. Thirteen was a sacred number for the Maya, and some scholars believe the 13th baktun ends on Dec. 21, 2012. Penn Museum experts say it ends Dec. 23, but that then another calendar cycle will begin — not Armageddon. Curator Loa Traxler said while it's hard to trace the origin of the apocalypse prophecy, she described it as "a conflation of a lot of different ideas," including Aztec lore and Judeo-Christian end-of-days rhetoric.

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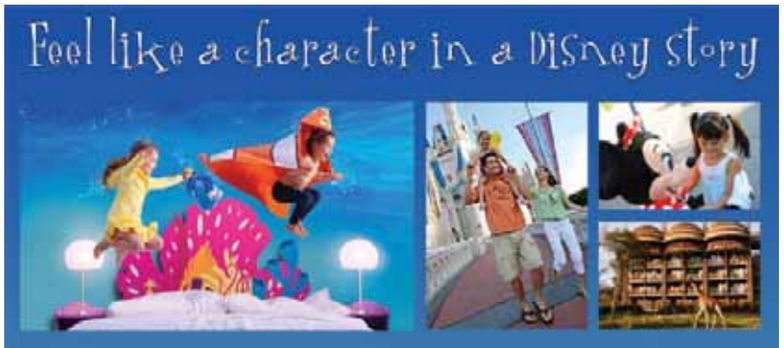
A stone figure of the Maize God is on display at the Maya 2012: Lords of Time exhibit. PHOTOS: THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



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Shine the spotlight on rice by making it the star of a hearty dish

This delicate and delicious Salmon and Rice Chowder is elegant enough to serve at an afternoon lunch but also easy enough to whip together for a quick weeknight meal.

Salmon may be substituted for any firm white fish or shrimp to suit different tastes.

1. In large saucepan, melt the butter over medium heat; cook the onion and celery, stirring occasionally, until they are softened, about 5 minutes.

2. Stir in flour; cook, stirring, for 1 minute. Stir in clam juice, water, salt, paprika and pepper; bring to boil over high heat, stirring often.

3. Add salmon, rice and corn and cream; cover and simmer until heated through and fish flakes easily when tested, 3 to 5 minutes. Stir in bit more cream and dill; heat through.

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Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) butter
- 1 onion, diced
- 2 stalks of celery, diced
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) all-purpose flour
- 2 bottles (each 236 mL) clam juice
- 3 cups (750 mL) water
- 3/4 tsp (4 mL) salt
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) sweet paprika
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
- 1 lb (500 g) boneless skinless salmon fillets, cut into bite-size chunks
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) cooked medium- or long-grain brown rice
- 1 cup (250 mL) frozen corn kernels
- 1/2 cup (125 mL) whipping cream
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) chopped fresh dill, parsley, chives or green onions

Salmon and Rice Chowder

This recipe serves six people. RICEINFO.COM

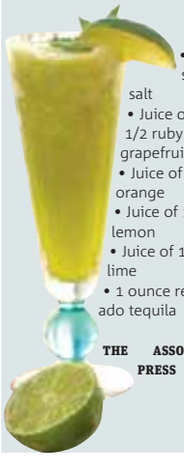
Drink of the Week

Super Citrus 'Rita

1. Salt the rim of a cocktail glass and fill with ice.

2. In a cocktail shaker filled with ice, combine the grapefruit juice, orange juice, lemon juice, lime juice and tequila. Shake vigorously, then strain into the glass.

3. Garnish with a lemon twist.



- Kosher salt
- Juice of 1/2 ruby red grapefruit
- Juice of 1/2 orange
- Juice of 1/2 lemon
- Juice of 1/2 lime
- 1 ounce reposado tequila

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Two-Tone Rice Salad with Shrimp and Feta

1. In dry skillet, toast almonds over medium heat, stirring often until golden, 3 mins.

2. Transfer almonds to bowl and return skillet to stovetop over medium-high heat; add 1 tbsp (15 mL) of oil. Sauté shrimp, garlic and oregano until shrimp is cooked through, 5 mins. Transfer to bowl.

2. In large bowl, whisk remaining oil, vinegar, mustard, salt and pepper. Add Black Japonica rice and brown rice, lentils, tomatoes and green onions; stirring well to coat.

3. Stir in shrimp mixture, feta and spinach; sprinkle with almonds.

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Ingredients

- 1/2 cup (125 mL) sliced almonds
- 1/4 cup (50 mL) extra-virgin olive oil
- 1 lb (500 g) thawed large shrimp, peeled and deveined
- 2 cloves garlic, minced
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) dried oregano
- 3 tbsp (45 mL) red wine vinegar
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) grainy or Dijon mustard
- 1/2 tsp (2 mL) salt
- 1/4 tsp (1 mL) pepper
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) cooked black japonica rice
- 1 1/2 cups (375 mL) cooked long-grain brown rice
- 1 cup (250 mL) cooked brown or green lentils
- 1 cup (250 mL) halved yellow or red cherry tomatoes
- 3 green onions, thinly sliced
- 1 cup (250 mL) crumbled feta cheese
- 3 cups (750 mL) baby spinach

Give new life to leftover rice

This is a classic way to use up any leftover cooked rice, whether it's short or long-grain and brown or white rice — just be sure the rice you start with is cold. To make this vegetarian, replace oyster sauce with hoisin sauce.

1. Heat nonstick wok or large skillet over medium-high heat; add half of the oil, swirling to coat. Beat eggs with water; cook in thin layer until set, about 1 minute. Transfer 'omelette' to plate; wipe out wok and return to stovetop over medium-high heat; add remaining oil. Add mushrooms, white parts of green onions, garlic and ginger; stir-fry until lightly browned and mushrooms are softened, 3 to 5 minutes.

2. Stir in rice, peas, soy sauce, oyster sauce and Sriracha sauce (if using). Stir-fry until rice mixture is heated through and fairly dry, 3 or 4 minutes. Roll up and thinly slice omelette; stir into rice mixture.

3. Remove from heat; stir in green parts of green onions, the sesame seeds and the sesame oil.

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Sesame Shiitake Fried Rice

This recipe serves four people. RICEINFO.COM

Ingredients

- 2 tbsp (25 mL) vegetable oil
- 2 eggs
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) water
- 10 oz (300 g) shiitake mushrooms, stems removed and caps sliced (about 4 cups [1 L])
- 4 green onions (white and green parts separated), thinly sliced
- 3 cloves garlic, minced
- 1 tbsp (15 mL) grated fresh ginger
- 4 cups (1 L) cooked short- or medium-grain white rice
- 3/4 cup (175 mL) frozen peas
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) sodium-reduced soy sauce
- 2 tbsp (25 mL) oyster sauce
- 1 tsp (5 mL) Sriracha sauce, optional
- 2 tsp (10 mL) toasted sesame seeds
- 2 tsp (10 mL) sesame oil

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Student Voice

Finding work as a recent graduate

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I graduated from my Bachelor of Science Physical Geography program at Simon Fraser University last June, and struggled to find work in an environmentally-focused area.

Having completed four co-op work terms with a variety of government agencies, and possessing a strong GPA (around 3.9), I figured that finding another summer work term wouldn't be that difficult.

Unfortunately, it seems employers are hesitant to hire new graduates (even those who have successfully completed a co-op program) and would prefer to stick with currently enrolled co-op students. Even my former co-op employers told me that there was nothing available for me.

I tried to use the fact that I had been accepted into a master's of geography for the fall as an example of my strong motivation and research capabilities.

However, employers did not seem thrilled that I would be returning to school in the fall, and therefore couldn't commit to full-time work after August.

As the months went by without a single interview (I did not receive my first interview until late April, and it was for a retail position), I became discouraged and began exploring the retail sector. Though I managed to obtain a few interviews based on my previous experience as a cashier, the overwhelming question interviewers would ask me at the interview was, "Aren't you overqualified for this position?" and then I would never hear back from them.

Where I am now

I am currently a master of science student and teaching assistant at Simon Fraser University.

My recommendations for employers

I would suggest to employers that they maybe consider offering some volunteer positions or projects to new graduates, whereby they can gain industry experience and build up a network of contacts. I understand that it takes a lot of time and resources to train new graduates. By volunteering, new graduates will be able to help out a company in a less formal and time-consuming way, while at the same time, gaining the crucial industry experience they need.

My recommendations for students

It almost feels as if new graduates run into a catch-22 with respect to job opportunities. The vast majority of job postings want a bachelor's degree (or above) in education, but also require several years of industry experience, something that even a co-op program is unable to provide.

My advice for graduate and soon-to-be graduate students is to network.

Get involved in industry and academic groups, such as the Association of Professional Engineers and Geoscientists (APEG) and the Canadian Association of Geographers (CAG).

Also, attend industry conferences to see who the employers in your field are, and potentially build up a network of contacts in the field applicable to you.

As the old saying goes, "It [does not seem to be] what you know, but who you know" that gets you the job.

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What it takes to win at the entry level

Starting from the bottom. How absorbing and embracing adversity can help your new career

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After a year of working at a comfortable management desk job right out of business school, I was pulled into my boss's office and was told it was time for a "critical experience."

As my boss was speaking, all I remember hearing were the words "working off-shift" and I knew that I was headed to manage the night shift.

Ego-deflating critical experiences might involve relocating to a field office in the middle of nowhere, working on the smallest and most un-sexy brand (like my male friend working on a feminine-hygiene brand), or completing mundane data entry that even a monkey could perform.

These entry-level critical experiences are never the jobs you hear about at university — however, their intention is simple and important: to test your devotion to the company and accelerate your understanding of the business from cocky new grad to competent leader.

While they're not fun, these experiences are highly beneficial and if you want to move up to the executive levels — or at least beyond the entry level — you must embrace and succeed at these critical experiences.

It's often said that those who reach the stratospherically successful plateaus in life and career are those who can handle the quickest pace of change.

I would go a step further and say that they are also the ones who seek out and learn from the most adverse scenarios. It sounds counter-intuitive, but these adversity-craving people realize that adversity is where the growth is and don't shy away from it.

For me, working the night shift meant drastically changing one of the most fundamental and steadfast structures in my life: my routine. While challenging, it was one of the best things for me. Not only was I making executive calls affecting a large team of employees and having a significant impact on costs and budget, but I learned to be adaptable in life and to be more open to change.

Around this time I read that online retailer Zappos (Fortune rated it one of the best corporate cultures in America) would pay $2,000 to any associate who decided to resign. Their philosophy was simple: If you don't love working at Zappos, you aren't going to do a good job.

This was the challenge I posed to myself, and what I challenge you to do when faced with an adverse critical experience: summon the strength to suffer well (ideally, you will eventually be promoted).

Get to a point where even if your company offered you $2,000 for a new position, you would see the benefit in staying and refuse.

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Gregory Murray, recent grad with a bachelor of commerce, working in brand management

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Feeling jealous of your friend's success? Why not try to learn from them? ISTOCK

When I first started dipping my toes into the advertising world, I worked for a really small start-up that had a staff of about 15 people.

The small size of the company meant that we would spend all of our time together and we naturally became a close-knit group of friends.

During my tenure at this firm, a number of friends and co-workers were promoted to positions that involved me working under them. I was also put in a position that gave me authority over some of my closest friends and colleagues. For a while, we struggled to find the appropriate balance as co-workers, friends and "underlings."

Co-worker relationships are interesting. These are people you probably spend 90 per cent of your week with and they're relationships that can be lasting and influential to your career. But what happens when your co-worker, and friend, gets promoted to a position as your superior? Does the relationship stay the same?

How do you deal with the fact that your closest confidante is now your boss?

Respect the space

This person is obviously someone you may be reporting to on a regular basis. Remember that even though you're friends, you have to respect the position he or she has been given, and act accordingly. Never think that deadlines and expectations are lowered because your best friend is the boss.

Talk about it

Express your thoughts and develop a strategy for how this new work relationship will function. Set out guidelines that respect both you and your co-worker's positions, but be flexible in a manner that allows you to still socialize with them.

This is a good way to gauge how you and your friend can interact with each other, especially if hanging out at the local pub and gabbing is common after work.

You may even feel an inkling of jealousy, and that's understandable. But bottling it all up and acting like a jerk to someone who considers you a friend isn't right. The same thing applies if your friend is being cocky or running on a power trip. Lay it all out on the table, express how you feel, but be professional. You are still co-workers.

Learn from them

Your colleague has clearly demonstrated that he or she is capable of moving into a more senior position. Learn from that. Shadow them and observe how they work and if possible, use them as a mentor to help you advance in your own career. This is someone who knows you well and can provide you with a wealth of great knowledge and ideas on improving your own work process.

What happens if I get promoted and become a superior to my friends?

Well, first of all, scroll back up and read the first two pointers, and replace your colleague with yourself.

But what about number three? How would that work?

Become the mentor! Reverse the role and guide your friends to do better at work. Teach them what you know and what you did to get to where you are. Friends help each other out, right?

Have you experienced this scenario in your career? Share your thoughts and what you did to make the best of this situation.

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Workplace Law

More work, same wage?

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What happens when an employee is told to perform more work for the same pay? Do employers have the right to expect the same level of performance or do employees have the right to refuse the additional work or demand more compensation?

According to a recent Ontario case, courts will be sympathetic to employees performing two jobs for the price of one.

Kelly Hunt was hired as an assistant at Peterborough, Ontario trucking company Buckham Transport Ltd.

However, she was later asked to take on role of receivables clerk. Hunt thought that this amounted to the work of two jobs, but nonetheless, she said that she would do whatever needed to be done.

Hunt was not given any increase in pay.

Hunt already had a rocky relationship with her supervisor, who felt that she often procrastinated and took too long to finish her work.

Matters deteriorated when Hunt took on the additional accounting duties and complaints about her work landed on the desk of the company's office manager, Leanor Buckham.

Hunt was called to a meeting with Ms. Buckham, who accused Hunt of fumbling some of her work. Hunt was then asked to take on even more work, which she agreed to only if given a raise, but not otherwise.

This was the last straw for Ms. Buckham, who fired Hunt on the spot. Hunt fired back with a lawsuit.

At a recent trial, the court found for Hunt. It determined that it was Hunt's additional duties that caused her to get behind in her work and not any wilful neglect on her part.

Critical of how the company handled the matter from the outset, the judge then concluded that Buckham was to blame for permitting a "failed management system."

Don't start that extra pile of work without talking about pay. ISTOCK

If there were complaints about Hunt's work, Buckham had to properly warn her, the court ruled. Hunt was awarded damages and her legal costs.

The human resource lessons are clear — without appropriate warnings, seldom will courts find that employees knew or should have known that they were underperforming.

Furthermore, employees should beware of assuming additional responsibilities without first seeking an agreement on pay.

Once the new work begins, it will often be too late to negotiate.

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Are you between jobs? Consider volunteering

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Don't think that your volunteer work goes unnoticed.

A recent LinkedIn study found that 41 per cent of professionals surveyed consider volunteer work equally as valuable as paid work experience when evaluating candidates.

In addition, 20 per cent of the hiring managers surveyed have made a hiring decision based on a candidate's volunteer work experience.

If you're between jobs or have a schedule that allows you some extra time, volunteering could be the way to beef up that resumé.

"This is clearly a person who stays in the game rather than waiting for the phone to ring," says Juan Morales, managing director at the Miami office of Stanton Chase International.

"It shows initiative and a strong desire to exercise management skills for a charity or nonprofit organization."

If you're lucky — and smart about where you donate your free time — you might just make a professional connection, one that could lead to further employment.

"It's best if you can be strategic when seeking a volunteer opportunity, finding a cause or mission that you're passionate about but that also has a connection to a current or potential work goal," says Chuck Pappalardo, managing director at Trilogy Search NonProfit.

"Volunteering provides an excellent way to network, stay fresh and learn new skills, either in a job seeker's current field or one that he or she is interested in accessing."

How working for free can pay off

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Savour tasty tunes at the Tulip Festival

Capital Sounds. Fevers and Mastik to play Friendship Stage in Little Italy Saturday

TIM AVERY
For Metro

Do you have a fever for innovative, eclectic music that goes down like a delicious, well-digested meal?

Then you won't want to miss Fevers and Mastik Saturday at the Canadian Tulip Festival.

As part of the festival's ongoing Capital Sounds program, Groupe Média TFO will present the two musical groups from the National Capital Region at 9 p.m. on the Friendship Stage in Little Italy's Tulipiazza, situated at the corner of Preston Street and Carling Avenue.

The show will also be broadcast on TFO's Facebook page at facebook.com/tfogroupemedia.

Showtime

TFO presents a free concert with Franco-Ontarien bands Fevers and Mastik, with bonus opening act by Gerry Wall & the Eastenders.

- **When:** Saturday, 9 p.m., rain or shine.
- **Where:** The Tulipiazza Friendship Stage, Carling at Preston.
- **How to get there:** Take the O-Train. It stops right next to the stage.

It is the first time the Public French Television of Ontario TFO has presented such a concert simultaneously on stage and on the web.

Fevers is a five-piece Ottawa-based band, which describes itself as "purveyors of independent, electronic pop.

"A fresh take on a classic genre, combining indie rock and electronic music."

The members of Fevers are Colin MacDougall, Jim Hopkins, Martin Charbonneau, Mike Stauffer and Sarah Bradley.

The group's music offers a new experience, combining independent rock and electronics. Influenced by bands such as M83, Stars, and The Postal Service, Fevers has developed its own avant-garde sound.

Josée-Anne Cousineau, Chris Coshall, Martin Charbonneau and Simon Poirier Lachance make up Mastik. The group's full name is Mastikédigère, which roughly translates as "chew and digest."

In the words of the band, Mastik "presents its musical platter from eastern Ontario's fertile cultural grounds, free of pre-chewed, stripped of the pre-digested and certainly without trans fat!"

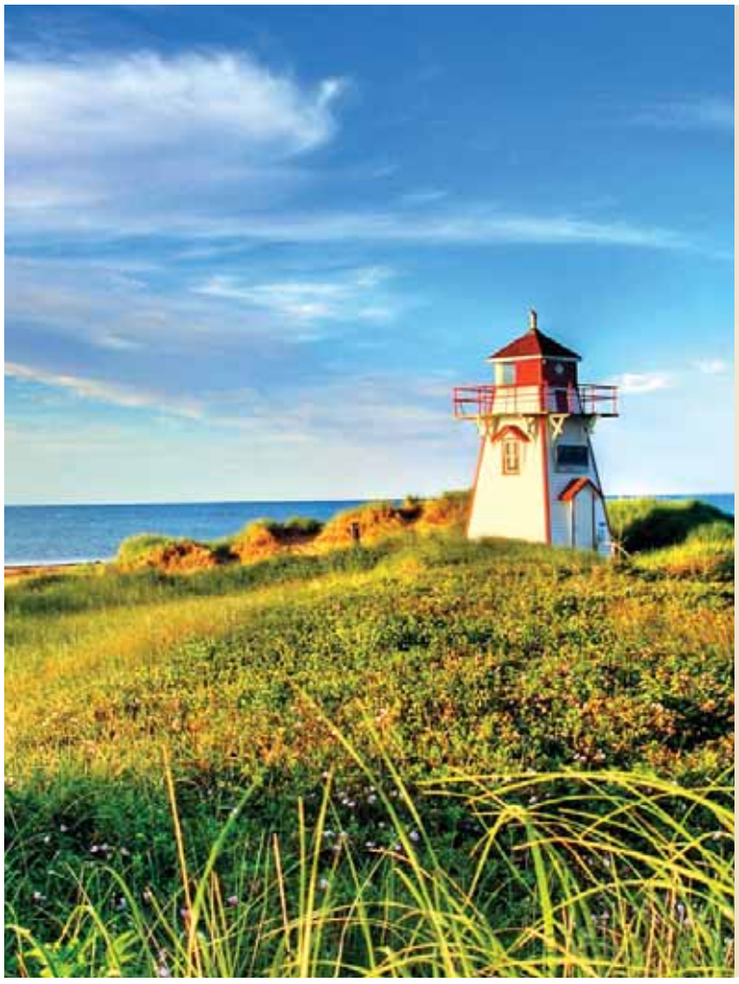
"We propose a musical experience which should be savoured … Sumptuous melodies, crisp rhythms and bittersweet lyrics are on the menu. All in all, a music that is raw and reactive. For your digestive system only."

The opening act for Fevers and Mastik features Gerry Wall & the Eastenders.

But if you can't wait until 9 p.m., there will be live bands at Tulipiazza's Friendship Stage starting at 5 p.m.

Capital Sounds features music from hot young bands around the region, in the streets and at participating restaurants in the ByWard Market, Little Italy and Chinatown, from May 11-21.

Enjoy a night of music Saturday on the Friendship Stage in Little Italy's Tulipiazza. MIKE LAWRIE/GETTY IMAGES



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4 SPORTS

On the web

Flyers try to stay alive vs. Devils

The Philadelphia Flyers entered Game 6 of their Eastern Conference semifinal series against the New Jersey Devils minus suspended star centre Claude Giroux. For results of Tuesday night's game in Philadelphia, go to metronews.ca/sports.

On the web

Prosecutors in the Roger Clemens perjury trial introduced convicted drug dealer and former New York Mets batboy Kirk Radomski on Tuesday, who said he made a shipment for two kits of human growth hormone and "about 50 to 100 needles" to Clemens' home address in 2002. Scan the code for the story.

NHL

Caps try to forget about Game 5

If they want to avoid elimination, Alex Ovechkin and the Washington Capitals must figure out a way to recover and regroup from a potentially devastating loss to the New York Rangers.

The Rangers enter Wednesday's Game 6 with a 3-2 series lead, one victory from reaching the Eastern Conference finals for the first time since 1997.

New York's Brad Richards tied Game 5 with 6.6 seconds left Monday, and Marc Staal won it 1:35 into overtime.

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Tennis

In-form Raonic set to face Federer

Canada's Milos Raonic dominated former grand slam finalist David Nalbandian 6-4, 6-4 on Tuesday in the first round of the Madrid Open.

The 21-year-old from Thornhill, Ont., defeated the Argentine in just 74 minutes with his 16th ace of the match.

Raonic will face Swiss ace Roger Federer in Wednesday's second round, having lost to the world No. 3 at Indian Wells in March.

"I hope I can do much of the same stuff (as I did) in March. I need to serve better than I did then," Raonic said. "I'm playing well and confident and I'm serving well, so that should be a big help." THE CANADIAN PRESS

Milos Raonic celebrates his win Tuesday in Madrid.
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Steve Nash, left, and his former teammate Rowan Barrett at a press conference Tuesday at the Air Canada Centre in Toronto. LUCAS OLENIUK/TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

Nash named GM of men's national team

Basketball. Two-time NBA MVP handed reins despite the fact he still has a job in the league

Steve Nash has dreamed of managing the Canadian men's basketball team since he was a young point guard running its offence.

He didn't envision that day would come so soon.

Canada's biggest basketball star was named general manager of the Canadian men's senior team Tuesday.

Nash, who will be a highly coveted free agent this NBA offseason, said the opportunity to help what might be the most talented group of young players the country has ever produced was an opportunity he couldn't pass up.

"It really is a beautiful thing to see our kids and the game grow and the talent continue to reach new heights, it's amazing," Nash said at a news conference Tuesday at Air Canada Centre in Toronto. "I have a lot of excitement generated for the young kids in this country, many of which are making a name for themselves already, and many of which are coming up behind them."

Nash's former Canadian teammate Rowan Barrett was named assistant GM.

The sport's national governing body has had the two-time NBA MVP from Victoria in its sights for some time to lead a program that hasn't made an Olympic appearance since the 2000 Games in Sydney.

"Steve's basketball IQ and background are unparalleled in the sport, and we are tremendously fortunate to have him," said Wayne Parrish, Canada Basketball's president and CEO.

Nash, a 15-year NBA veteran with Phoenix and Dallas, helped Canada to a seventh-place finish — one win away from the medal round — at the Sydney Olympics, with Jay Triano as coach.

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Quoted

"Obviously I love Jay and if he's interested, he'll be an important candidate."

Steve Nash on Jay Triano, who coached Canada to a seventh-place finish at the 2000 Summer Olympics. The national team is currently without a head coach.

Standout players

- With no Olympics for Canada this summer, Nash and Barrett plan to gather 30 or so of Canada's best players to begin training toward the 2016 Games.
- Likely included in that group of young standouts will be Tristan Thompson and Cory Joseph, both first-round picks in the 2011 NBA draft, and high school sensation Andrew Wiggins.

MLB

AMERICAN LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Baltimore	19	10	.655	—
Tampa Bay	19	10	.655	—
Toronto	**16**	**13**	**.552**	**3**
New York	15	13	.536	3½
Boston	12	16	.429	6½

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Cleveland	17	11	.607	—
Detroit	14	14	.500	3
Chicago	13	17	.433	5
Kansas City	9	19	.321	8
Minnesota	7	21	.250	10

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Texas	19	10	.655	—
Oakland	15	14	.517	4
Seattle	14	17	.452	6
Los Angeles	13	17	.433	6½

Last night's results
Chicago White Sox at Cleveland
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees
Texas at Baltimore
Boston at Kansas City
L.A. Angels at Minnesota
Toronto at Oakland
Detroit at Seattle
Monday's results
Seattle 3 Detroit 2
Texas 14 Baltimore 3
L.A. Angels 8 Minnesota 3
Cleveland 8-3, Chicago White Sox 6-2
Boston 11 Kansas City 5
Today's games
All times Eastern
Toronto (Morrow 3-1) at Oakland (McCarthy 2-3), 3:35 p.m.
Chicago White Sox (Peavy 3-1) at Cleveland (J.Gomez 2-1), 7:05 p.m.
Tampa Bay (Niemann 2-3) at N.Y. Yankees (Phelps 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Texas (Lewis 3-1) at Baltimore (W.Chen 2-0), 7:05 p.m.
Boston (Lester 1-2) at Kansas City (B.Chen 0-4), 8:10 p.m.
L.A. Angels (E.Santana 0-6) at Minnesota (Pavano 2-2), 8:10 p.m.
Detroit (Smyly 1-0) at Seattle (Vargas 3-2), 10:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's games
Tampa Bay at N.Y. Yankees, 7:05 p.m.
Texas at Baltimore, 7:05 p.m.
Cleveland at Boston, 7:10 p.m.
Toronto at Minnesota, 8:10 p.m.
Detroit at Oakland, 10:05 p.m.

AL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Jeter NYY	28	121	22	48	.397
Ortiz Bos	28	108	21	41	.380
Hamilton Tex	26	101	21	38	.376
Sweeney Bos	24	87	8	32	.368
ACabrera Cle	22	90	15	32	.356
Konerko CWS	29	105	15	36	.343
Longoria TB	23	82	15	27	.329
MYoung Tex	28	115	13	37	.322
AJackson Det	27	107	19	34	.318
Beltre Tex	25	89	15	28	.315

Runs—Kinsler, Tex, 29; De Aza, Chi, 23; Ad-Jones, Balt, 23; Jeter, NY, 22; Hamilton, Tex, 21; Ortiz, Bos, 21.
RBI—Hamilton, Tex, 28; **Encarnacion, Toronto, 25;** Swisher, NY, 24; ADunn, Chi, 23; Ortiz, Bos, 23; MiCabrera, Det, 22; Cespedes, Oakland, 21; CRoss, Bos, 21; Scott, Tampa Bay, 21.
Hits—Jeter, NY, 48; Ortiz, Bos, 41; Hamilton, Tex, 38; ISuzuki, Sea, 37; MYoung, Texas, 37; Konerko, Chicago, 36.
Last night's games not included

NATIONAL LEAGUE

EAST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Washington	18	10	.643	—
Atlanta	18	12	.600	1
New York	16	13	.552	2½
Miami	15	14	.517	3½
Philadelphia	14	16	.467	5

CENTRAL DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
St. Louis	18	11	.621	—
Cincinnati	15	13	.536	2½
Houston	13	16	.448	5
Pittsburgh	12	16	.429	5½
Chicago	12	17	.414	6
Milwaukee	12	17	.414	6

WEST DIVISION

	W	L	Pct	GB
Los Angeles	19	10	.655	—
San Francisco	14	15	.483	5
Arizona	14	16	.467	5½
Colorado	12	16	.429	6½
San Diego	10	20	.333	9½

Last night's results
N.Y. Mets at Philadelphia
Washington at Pittsburgh
Atlanta at Chicago Cubs
Miami at Houston
Cincinnati at Milwaukee
St. Louis at Arizona
Colorado at San Diego
San Francisco at L.A. Dodgers
Monday's results
Cincinnati 6 Milwaukee 1
Miami 4 Houston 0
St. Louis 9 Arizona 6
San Diego 3 Colorado 2
N.Y. Mets 5 Philadelphia 2
Chicago Cubs 5 Atlanta 1
L.A. Dodgers 9 San Francisco 1
Today's games
All times Eastern
Cincinnati (Cueto 4-0) at Milwaukee (Greinke 3-1), 1:10 p.m.
Atlanta (T.Hudson 1-0) at Chicago Cubs (Maholm 3-2), 2:20 p.m.
Colorado (Friedrich 0-0) at San Diego (Bass 1-3), 3:35 p.m.
N.Y. Mets (Gee 2-2) at Philadelphia (Cl.Lee 0-1), 7:05 p.m.
Washington (Detwiler 3-1) at Pittsburgh (Bedard 2-4), 7:05 p.m.
Miami (Jo.Johnson 0-3) at Houston (Harrell 2-2), 8:05 p.m.
St. Louis (Lohse 4-1) at Arizona (Miley 3-0), 9:40 p.m.
San Francisco (Lincecum 2-2) at L.A. Dodgers (Billingsley 2-2), 10:10 p.m.
Tomorrow's game
Washington at Pittsburgh, 7:05 p.m.

NL LEADERS

	G	AB	R	H	Pct.
Kemp LAD	29	101	29	41	.406
LaHair ChC	26	80	14	31	.388
Jay StL	22	84	14	32	.381
DWright NYM	26	91	18	34	.374
Altuve Hou	28	111	18	39	.351
SCastro ChC	29	117	15	41	.350
Furcal StL	29	117	22	40	.342
Bourn Atl	30	126	20	42	.333
Ruiz Phi	26	87	13	28	.322
Lowrie Hou	22	84	13	27	.321

Runs—Kemp, LA, 29; Furcal, StL, 22; CGonzalez, Col, 22; Beltran, StL, 21; MEllis, LA, 21; Freeman, Atl, 21; Uggla, Atl, 21; JUpton, Arz, 21.
RBI—Ethier, LA, 30; Kemp, LA, 27; Freeman, Atl, 26; Freese, StL, 26; CGonzalez, Col, 26.
Hits—Bourn, Atl, 42; SCastro, Chi, 41; Kemp, LA, 41; Furcal, StL, 40; Altuve, Hou, 39.
Last night's games not included

BLUE JAYS STATISTICS

BATTERS	AB	R	H	HR	RBI	AVG
Francisco	16	2	5	0	0	.313
Encarnacion	111	17	31	9	25	.279
Lawrie	112	14	31	3	15	.277
Thames	85	10	23	2	4	.271
Johnson	104	20	27	6	15	.260
Escobar	122	16	31	1	12	.254
Mathis	20	6	5	2	5	.250
Arencibia	77	8	18	2	15	.234
Rasmus	100	11	21	3	11	.210
Lind	93	7	18	2	8	.194
Davis	32	10	6	0	4	.188
Bautista	104	16	19	5	15	.183
Vizquel	15	1	2	0	0	.133

PITCHERS	W	L	SV	IP	SO	ERA
Oliver	0	1	0	8.1	9	2.16
Perez	2	1	0	15.2	15	2.30
Morrow	3	1	0	41.2	29	2.38
Alvarez	2	2	0	41.1	12	2.83
Drabek	2	3	0	35.0	28	3.34
Romero	4	0	0	42.0	29	3.64
Frasor	0	0	0	11.0	15	4.09
Villanueva	0	0	0	10.2	8	4.22
Janssen	1	1	0	10.1	11	5.23
Carreno	0	1	0	8.1	5	5.40
Cordero	1	1	2	11.0	8	5.73
Hutchison	1	1	0	21.2	17	6.65
Santos	0	1	2	5.0	4	9.00

Last night's game not included

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NLL PLAYOFFS

DIVISION FINALS

Saturday's games — All times Eastern
EAST DIVISION
Rochester at Toronto, 7 p.m.
WEST DIVISION
Edmonton at Minnesota, 9:30 p.m.

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EASTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
Kansas City	9	7	2	0	12	5	21
D.C.s	11	5	3	3	20	15	18
New York	9	5	3	1	19	14	16
Chicago	7	3	2	2	9	9	11
Montreal	10	3	5	2	11	15	11
New England	9	3	6	0	8	12	9
Houston	6	2	2	2	7	8	8
Columbus	8	2	4	2	6	10	8
Philadelphia	8	2	5	1	5	9	7
Toronto	8	0	8	0	6	18	0

WESTERN CONFERENCE

	GP	W	L	T	GF	GA	Pt
San Jose	10	7	2	1	21	11	22
Salt Lake	11	7	3	1	18	12	22
Seattle	8	6	1	1	11	3	19
Vancouver	9	5	2	2	9	7	17
Colorado	10	5	5	0	15	12	15
Dallas	10	3	4	3	10	14	12
Los Angeles	9	3	5	1	11	14	10
Chivas USA	9	3	6	0	5	11	9
Portland	9	2	5	2	9	13	8

Tonight's games — All times Eastern
Houston at New York, 7 p.m.
Salt Lake at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Seattle at Dallas, 8:30 p.m.
Saturday's games
Los Angeles at Montreal, 4 p.m.
D.C. at Houston, 4:30 p.m.
Dallas at Columbus, 7:30 p.m.
Vancouver at New England, 7:30 p.m.
Kansas City at Chicago, 8:30 p.m.
Salt Lake at Seattle, 10 p.m.
Sunday's games
New York at Philadelphia, 12:30 p.m.
Chivas USA at San Jose, 7 p.m.

NHL PLAYOFFS

STANLEY CUP

CONFERENCE SEMI-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)
All times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
N.Y. RANGERS (1) VS. WASHINGTON (7)
(New York leads 3-2)
Monday's result
N.Y. Rangers 3 Washington 2 (OT)
Tonight's game
N.Y. Rangers at Washington, 7:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Washington at N.Y. Rangers, TBA
PHILADELPHIA (5) VS. NEW JERSEY (6)
(New Jersey leads 3-1)
Last night's result
New Jersey at Philadelphia
Tomorrow's game
x-Philadelphia at New Jersey, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
ST. LOUIS (2) VS. LOS ANGELES (8)
(Los Angeles wins 4-0)
PHOENIX (3) VS. NASHVILLE (4)
(Phoenix wins 4-1)
Monday's result
Phoenix 2 Nashville 1

x — if necessary.

HOCKEY

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At Helsinki and Stockholm
PRELIMINARY ROUND

GROUP A

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pt
Finland	3	3	0	0	0	7	2	9
Canada	**3**	**2**	**0**	**1**	**0**	**14**	**9**	**7**
Switzerland	3	2	0	0	1	10	8	6
U.S.	3	1	1	0	1	14	10	5
Belarus	3	1	0	0	2	5	6	3
Slovakia	3	1	0	0	2	6	6	3
France	3	1	0	0	2	10	17	3
Kazakhstan	3	0	0	0	3	6	14	0

GROUP B

	GP	W	OW	OL	L	GF	GA	Pt
Sweden	3	3	0	0	0	13	6	9
Russia	3	3	0	0	0	11	4	9
Latvia	3	2	0	0	1	10	7	6
Czech Rep.	3	1	1	0	1	7	7	5
Germany	3	1	0	0	2	5	5	3
Italy	3	0	1	0	2	4	11	2
Denmark	3	0	0	1	2	7	12	1
Norway	3	0	0	1	2	6	11	1

Note: 3 points for a regulation win, 2 for an overtime win and 1 for an overtime loss.
Yesterday's results
At Helsinki
Belarus 3 Kazakhstan 2
Finland 5 Switzerland 2
At Stockholm
Latvia 5 Italy 0
Russia 2 Germany 0
Monday's results
At Helsinki
Canada 7 France 2
Slovakia 4 U.S. 2
At Stockholm
Czech Republic 4 Norway 3 (SO)
Sweden 6 Denmark 4
Today's games — All times Eastern
At Helsinki
Slovakia vs. Kazakhstan, 9:15 a.m.
Canada vs. Switzerland, 1:15 p.m.
At Stockholm
Norway vs. Italy, 10:15 a.m.
Sweden vs. Germany, 2:15 p.m.

MONDAY

COYOTES 2, PREDATORS 1

First Period — No Scoring.
Penalty — Hanzal Pho (roughing) 17:45.
Second Period
1. Phoenix, Morris 1 (Doan, Vermette) 3:54
2. Phoenix, Hanzal 3 (Chipchura, Langkow) 15:09
Penalties — Josi Nash (interference) 4:19, Hanzal Pho (hooking) 4:52, Doan Pho (cross-checking) 9:41.
Third Period
3. Nashville, C.Wilson 1 (Legwand, Suter) 14:01
Penalty — Doan Pho (holding) 2:38.
Shots on goal

Nashville	10	12	11	—33
Phoenix	5	7	5	—17

Goal — Nashville: Rinne (L,5-5-0); Phoenix: M.Smith (W,8-3-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Nashville: 0-4; Phoenix: 0-1.
Att. — 17,182 (17,135) at Glendale, Ariz.

RANGERS 3, CAPITALS 2 (OT)

First Period
1. N.Y. Rangers, Stralman 3 (Staal, Stepan) 10:44
Penalties — Hamrlik Wash (high-sticking) 14:31, Del Zotto NYR (tripping) 18:13.
Second Period
2. Washington, Laich 2 (Ovechkin, Brouwer) 8:15
Penalties — Green Wash (slashing) 0:38, Del Zotto NYR (interference) 4:14, Carlson Wash (delay of game) 12:35.
Third Period
3. Washington, Carlson 2 (Wideman, Brouwer) 4:20 (pp)
4. N.Y. Rangers, Richards 5 (Callahan, Del Zotto) 19:53 (pp)
Penalties — Rupp NYR (hooking) 2:39, Kreider NYR (high-sticking) 8:31, Ward Wash (double high-sticking) 19:38.
First Overtime
5. N.Y. Rangers, Staal 2 (Mitchell) 1:35 (pp)
Penalties — None.
Shots on goal

Washington	4	6	8	0—18
N.Y. Rangers	17	9	10	2—38

Goal — Washington: Holtby (L,6-6-0); N.Y. Rangers: Lundqvist (W,7-5-0). **Power plays (goals-chances)** — Wash: 1-4; NYR: 2-4.
Att. — 18,200 (18,200) at New York.

SCORING LEADERS

	G	A	PT
Giroux, Pha	8	9	17
Briere, Pha	8	4	12
D.Brown, LA	6	5	11
McDonald, StL	5	5	10
B.Richards, NYR	5	5	10
Zajac, NJ	5	5	10
Kovalchuk, NJ	4	6	10
Kopitar, LA	3	7	10
Voracek, Pha	2	8	10
J.Staal, Pgh	6	3	9
Vermette, Phx	5	4	9
Ovechkin, Wash	4	4	8
Parise, NJ	4	4	8
Crosby, Pgh	3	5	8
Gaborik, NYR	3	5	8
Hartnell, Pha	3	5	8
Malkin, Pgh	3	5	8
M.Richards, LA	3	5	8
B.Schenn, Pha	3	5	8
Jagr, Pha	1	7	8
Berglund, StL	3	4	7
Boedker, Phx	3	4	7
Penner, LA	2	5	7
J.Williams, LA	2	5	7
Clarkson, NJ	1	6	7
Stepan, NYR	1	6	7
Yandle, Phx	0	7	7
Bergenheim, Fla	3	3	6
Callahan, NYR	3	3	6
Doan, Phx	3	3	6
Kennedy, Pgh	3	3	6
Legwand, Nash	3	3	6
Zubrus, NJ	3	3	6
Anisimov, NYR	2	4	6
Backstrom, Wash	2	4	6
Carle, Pha	2	4	6
Dupuis, Pgh	2	4	6
Klesla, Phx	2	4	6
Kunitz, Pgh	2	4	6

Last night's game not included

NBA PLAYOFFS

CONFERENCE QUARTER-FINALS

(Best-of-7 series)
All times Eastern

EASTERN CONFERENCE
CHICAGO (1) VS. PHILADELPHIA (8)
(Philadelphia leads 3-1)
Last night's result
Philadelphia at Chicago
Tomorrow's game
x-Chicago at Philadelphia, TBA
Saturday's game
x-Philadelphia at Chicago, TBA
MIAMI (2) VS. NEW YORK (7)
(Miami leads 3-1)
Tonight's game
New York at Miami, 7 p.m.
Friday's game
x-Miami at New York, 8 or 8:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-New York at Miami, TBA
INDIANA (3) VS. ORLANDO (6)
(Indiana wins 4-1)
Last night's result
Indiana 105 Orlando 87
BOSTON (4) VS. ATLANTA (5)
(Boston leads 3-1)
Last night's result
Boston at Atlanta
Tomorrow's game
x-Atlanta at Boston, 6 or 8 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Boston at Atlanta, TBA

WESTERN CONFERENCE
SAN ANTONIO (1) VS. UTAH (8)
(San Antonio wins 4-0)
Monday's result
San Antonio 87 Utah 81
OKLAHOMA CITY (2) VS. DALLAS (7)
(Oklahoma City wins 4-0)
L.A. LAKERS (3) VS. DENVER (6)
(L.A. Lakers lead 3-1)
Last night's result
Denver at L.A. Lakers
Tomorrow's game
x-L.A. Lakers at Denver, 9 or 10:30 p.m.
Saturday's game
x-Denver at L.A. Lakers, TBA
MEMPHIS (4) VS. L.A. CLIPPERS (5)
(L.A. Clippers lead 3-1)
Monday's result
L.A. Clippers 101 Memphis 97 (OT)
Tonight's game
L.A. Clippers at Memphis, 9:30 p.m.
Friday's game
x-Memphis at L.A. Clippers, 9 or 10:30 p.m.
Sunday's game
x-L.A. Clippers at Memphis, TBA

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The new coupe on the block

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Sharp looks

In the flesh the BRZ looks flat-out terrific with its properly planted stance, prominently bulging fenders and generously sized windshield. In back, the twin exhaust pipes encased in a blacked-out diffuser are a neat touch.

2013 Subaru BRZ

- **Type.** Two-door, rear-wheel-drive sport coupe.
- **Engine (hp):** 2.0-litre DOHC horizontally opposed four-cylinder (200).
- **Mileage:** L/100 km (city/hwy) 8.3/5.9 (AT).
- **Base Price (incl. destination):** $30,000 (est.).

Lightweight

In this class, one of the BRZ's primary advantages is weight, or rather a lack of it.

At just 1,255 kilograms, the Subaru weighs about 230 kilograms less than the Genesis and anywhere from 300-450 kilograms less than any V6-equipped North American example.

The engine produces 200 horsepower.

Engine

The car's Subaru-based 2.0-litre four-cylinder engine sits lower to the ground than similar powerplants due to its horizontally opposed design (two cylinders fire at a 180-degree angle to the other two). Creating optimal front: rear balance also involved relocating the battery to the back of the engine compartment.

Review. Subaru teams up with Toyota to create the very sporty BRZ and its twin, the FR-S

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A rear-wheel-drive Subaru? Surely it must be a misprint.

But, no, loyal Subie shoppers are in for a shock when they discover that the new BRZ doesn't drive all four wheels.

And that's not all, folks. Subaru has teamed up with Toyota, which owns a small stake in the company, to create the BRZ and its doppelganger that will be marketed on these shores as the Scion FR-S.

Wow, two separate manufacturers introducing nearly identical models at almost the same time. Who would have believed it possible — and more to the point, why is it happening?

Of course, because it makes sound economic sense. It costs big bucks to bring any brand-new model to market, but it's hard to justify the development costs when that model is a low-volume sports car. Spreading the tooling expenses between two manufacturers allows both to more affordably market a vehicle that creates some enthusiast buzz while also building sales for more mainstream metal.

Toyota is an old hand at making sporty coupes (the Celica, Supra and MR2 are examples) but hasn't headed down that road for years. As for Subaru, its last two-door effort was the 1990s-era SVX, a mildly quirky all-wheel-driver that was priced at the premium end of the scale. This time around, the BRZ faces formidable competition other than from the Scion FR-S. Hyundai's Genesis coupe is a leading contender, but the pricier Nissan 370Z is in the hunt as well.

Overall, the BRZ, which arrives this spring, promises to shake up the sport-coupe world with a balanced and lightweight package that really is as sporty as it looks.

5 DRIVE

Top Gear

Give thieves the boot

The Club is the steering-wheel-locking device that helps prevent vehicle theft, but the company also offers the Tire Claw XL that deters thieves from grabbing your trailer, all-terrain vehicle, or even your daily drive. The Tire Claw XL uses the same principle as those larger "boots" that many city enforcement agencies use to immobilize vehicles, only on a much smaller scale. The manufacturer claims the device is easy to use and will fit just about any wheel width up to 12 inches. Tire Claw XL weighs just eight pounds, has a cove for the lock and comes with three laser-encrypted keys that cannot be copied. It retails for $100 US and can be purchased through many automotive retail and web stores, as well as from the manufacturer at theclub.com. WHEELBASE

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Kid-friendly RX-8 offered looks, performance

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Mazda RX-8

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For sports car enthusiasts with kids, the Mazda RX-8 made plenty of sense, given its rare 'suicide' doors, striking looks and track-ready performance. Sharp-as-a-tack handling, instant precise steering and killer looks were all part of the package, which included a usable and accessible backseat.

Features included Bose audio, heated leather seating, navigation, automatic climate control, an intelligent key system and plenty more.

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Common Issues

Check the level and condition of the RX-8's engine oil before your test drive. Be sure the seller was fond of frequent, high-quality oil changes.

A lumpy idle or 'misfire' may be the result of an overheating issue related to the ignition coils. If you experience this issue on a test drive, be sure to have the vehicle inspected to confirm.

Given the RX-8's unique engine, only a rotary-trained Mazda mechanic should inspect the vehicle ahead of your purchase.

While the car is in the air, the mechanic can also check for fluid leaks, excessive rust, and the condition of the tires and brakes.

Engine

Horsepower from the 1.3-litre 'RENESIS' rotary engine was rated at 238 with the six-speed manual, and between 200 and 212 with the four-speed automatic. This was replaced with a six-speed automatic later in the RX-8's life.

What Owners Like

Performance, looks, a screaming engine note, manual shifter quality and overall responsiveness are perhaps the most highly-rated aspects reported by RX-8 owners. Many appreciate the rear doors and relatively easy rear-seat access.

What Owners Dislike

Limited headroom, visibility and fuel consumption are among the RX-8's most common complaints.

Verdict

With a clean bill of health from your Mazda mechanic, a well-maintained RX-8 should provide relatively trouble-free access to a unique and sporty driving experience.

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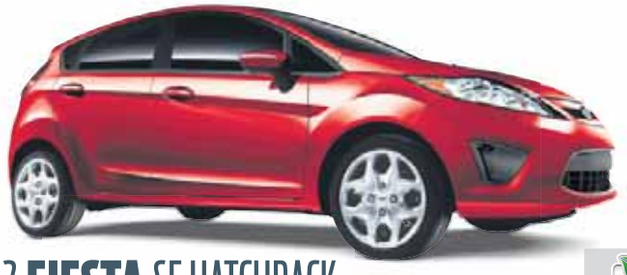

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Matte goes mainstream and multicoloured

Autopilot

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Shiny finishes are so last century. Looking at this "dulled-up" Hyundai Veloster, how can you not agree? CONTRIBUTED

Meet Matte. He might be just a form of paint finish, and a dull one at that, but he's strangely popular at the moment.

In another era, Matte was hanging around the hot-rod gang. Back then, hot-rodders who placed more priority on 'go' than 'show' were prone to paint their cars with flat black primer.

And of course, Matte has always been simpatico with military types. Those guys prefer their land, air and navy machines to be hard to spot and unreflective, just as much as they like them to be nasty and all-conquering.

So naturally, Matte has developed into a great choice for modern bikes and cars that want or need to evoke certain anti-social tendencies.

But we seem to have entered a new era of Matte.

Manufactures like BMW, Mercedes-Benz, Ferrari and Hyundai, all now offer Matte and/or semi-gloss finishes on selected vehicles.

Might be a chicken-and-egg kind of thing, but Matte's popularity has certainly risen since two different technological developments took hold: The introduction of high-quality vinyl wraps and the move to use clear-coat paint.

For around $3,000, you can have your Porsche 911 completely wrapped in Matte black vinyl wrap. And when you tire of that look, you can simply take the wrap off, and go back to your former, original-colour lifestyle.

"Today's paints are all base coat/clear coat," says Sam Piercey, manager of Budd's Collision, which services many dealerships and brands within the Budd dealer group of Oakville, Ont.

"The clear coat contains the Matte finish."

So a Matte or semi-gloss finish can be applied to various base colours — it doesn't have to be stealth-bomber grey, or hot-rod black. Matte can be enjoyed in various shades now, and in lifestyles that have nothing to do with the iconic outcasts who pioneered the look.

For potential Matte connoisseurs, however, Piercey offers a caution: "It's a real high-maintenance paint… It's a real hassle to get oil and grease off it… You have to clean it without polishing and without powerful chemicals, otherwise you get a shine on that area."

Matte finishes are also more expensive, both as an original paint from the factory, and as a respray.

According to custom-paint specialist Joe Fernandez of Daredevil Kustoms (Innisfil, Ont.), Matte finishes require more expensive materials (an extra clear coat with Matte agents), but also require far more attention in the spray booth.

"You have to be super-meticulous," says Fernandez. He notes that with a regular clear coat, when there are slight imperfections in the dry paint, they are colour-sanded and then polished — and then disappear. You don't have that polishing option with Matte.

At Daredevil, they add two clear coats: a regular one, which is subsequently sanded and polished; and then the Matte one, which can't be sanded or polished. All this adds up to about a $1,250 premium over a regular Daredevil paint job.

But added costs and maintenance issues aside, if you're aching for something interesting and different, and you've had it with shiny and glossy — then it just might be time to get all "dulled" up.

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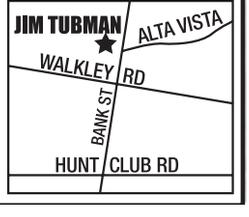

Zero-alcohol laws gaining ground in Canada

Arriving alive. But the question is, do the laws work for young drivers?

Half of Canada's provinces now have a zero-alcohol policy for young drivers, with Quebec becoming the fifth to join in on no-alcohol legislation along with Manitoba, Nova Scotia, New Brunswick and Ontario.

While proponents of the new rule call it a step in the right direction, it's not yet clear how effective the measure has been in deterring young people from drinking and getting behind the wheel.

Since the legislation was enacted on April 15, Quebec drivers under age 22 caught with a blood-alcohol level over zero face some of the toughest drunk-driving penalties in the country — an immediate three-month suspension of their licence, fines up to $600 and a loss of four demerit points.

Despite the stiff penalties, some young people are still choosing to drink and drive. In an undercover operation, Montreal's La Presse newspaper found that more than half the young designated drivers they tested had some alcohol in their system while leaving local bars.

Stephane Maurais, a director at Alcohol Prevention Canada, said he was surprised at the number of young people who were over the limit. He said that while some weren't aware of the new law, others simply refused to accept it.

"In their mind, having one or two beers is something acceptable," he said. "When you are 18 or 19 years old, you want to challenge these kind of things."

Young people who drink and drive are at high risk of collision — 45 per cent of young drivers who are killed on the road had been drinking, compared to the average of 37 per cent for all drivers, according to Mothers Against Drunk Driving.

"Unfortunately, younger drivers are way over-represented in statistics of death and injuries," said MADD Quebec chapter spokesperson Marie-Claude Morin. "They cause a lot of damage on the roads."

Ontario introduced a similar policy to Quebec's in 2010, but the penalties are less severe. Ontario drivers under age 22 with any alcohol in their system are subject to an immediate licence suspension of just 24 hours. THE CANADIAN PRESS

Canadian provinces that have implemented the zero-alcohol legislation have, according to sources MADD says it has consulted, seen percentage decreases in the double digits for impaired driving accidents in youths.

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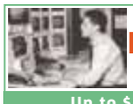

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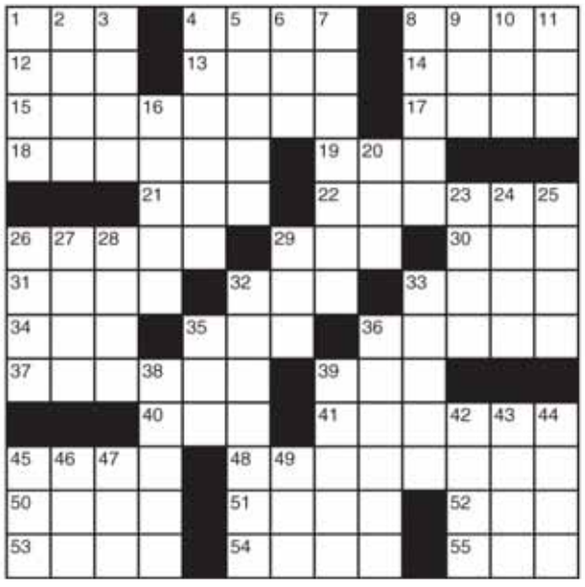
4 Schleps
8 Weak, as an excuse
12 Noshed
13 Freshly
14 "American —"
15 Estival pest
17 Meat —
18 Quantity
19 Actress Thompson
21 Lemieux milieu
22 Grasshopper's cousin
26 Stock
29 Stiller or Stein
30 — generis
31 Theater box
32 Oppositionist
33 Requirement
34 The whole enchilada
35 Dance syllable
36 Not wan
37 Scarab, for one
39 Allow
40 Black-and-white diver
41 Be there
45 Philadelphia attraction
48 Hive dweller
50 Bread spread
51 Exam format
52 Scepter topper
53 Portent
54 Wedding-dress accessory
55 Whether or —

Down

1 Tibetan monk
2 Minuscule bit
3 Mexican money
4 Set off
5 Become one
6 Comprehend
7 Distended
8 Purple shade
9 Commotion
10 Extinct bird of New Zealand
11 Ernie of Keebler ads
16 Rather
20 A long time
23 Secondhand
24 Sought restitution
25 Spruced up
26 Spill the beans
27 Characterization
28 Lecherous look
29 Feathery neckwear
32 "The Cherry Orchard" writer
33 Eccentric
35 Actor Gulager
36 Narrate again
38 Claw
39 Veranda
42 Black, in poetry
43 Pianist Peter
44 Creditor's concern
45 Greet the villain
46 Freddy's street
47 Appomattox VIP
49 Raw rock



Sudoku

8		6			7		2	
				6	5			1
7				2		3		
		5					1	
		1	4		6	9		
	6					2		
		4		3				2
5			2	7				
	9		8			1		7

How to play

Fill in the grid, so that every row, every column and every 3x3 box contains the digits 1-9. There is no math involved. You solve the puzzle with reasoning and logic.

Yesterday's Sudoku

8	4	1	3	7	2	5	9	6
9	7	3	8	5	6	2	4	1
6	5	2	1	9	4	7	3	8
1	9	5	6	4	8	3	2	7
7	8	6	5	2	3	4	1	9
2	3	4	9	1	7	8	6	5
3	1	7	4	6	5	9	8	2
5	6	8	2	3	9	1	7	4
4	2	9	7	8	1	6	5	3

Yesterday's Crossword

Cryptoquip

How to play

This is a substitution cipher where one letter stands for another. Eg: If X equals O, it will equal O throughout the puzzle.

OXVY B RPT'U OBKJEYR ABYV EU DZZ UFBKK CZW XEF DZ PUV HWZHVWKT. E WVAJZY XV'U PYLVWUDBCCVL.

Yesterday's Cryptoquip: IF SOMEONE REPLACED MR. GEHRIG ON THE DIAMOND, YOU COULD SAY THAT HE PLAYED IN LIEU OF LOU.

Today's Cryptoquip Clue: Z equals O

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Taurus | April 21 - May 21. It's good to let friends know what it is you want out of life. If there is anything they can do to make it happen, they won't hesitate to offer.

Gemini | May 22 - June 20. Something you once feared so much no longer seems to worry you and that's marvelous news.

Cancer | June 21 - July 22. You may have found it difficult recently to defend your beliefs but Mercury's change of signs today will help you to express yourself.

Leo | July 23 - Aug. 22. Do you have what it takes to compete at the highest level? Of course you do and the current cosmic set-up will smooth your path to success.

Virgo | Aug. 23 - Sept. 22. For the past few weeks you have been trying hard, without success, to live up to other people's expectations. Time to be yourself again.

Libra | Sept. 23 - Oct. 22. You will learn something to your advantage, something hugely interesting. Don't let everyone in on the news.

Scorpio | Oct. 23 - Nov. 21. You'll find it easier today to put your thoughts into words. It'll have a positive effect on all your relationships.

Sagittarius | Nov. 22 - Dec. 21. It will occur to you today that there are easier ways to deal with your workload. Use those ideas.

Capricorn | Dec. 22 - Jan 20. You've been working hard. Forget about work for a while. Focus on the lighter side of life – and on romance.

Aquarius | Jan. 21 - Feb 18. You will be in a relaxed mood today, especially in the domestic sphere where you cannot be bothered to argue with loved ones.

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Fuel economy figures are used for comparison purposes only. $0.20 (2012 Accent, 2013 Elantra, 2012 Elantra Touring and 2012 Sonata)/$0.40 (2012 Santa Fe) per litre savings on each litre of gas up to a total of 800 Litres (2012 Accent, 2013 Elantra, 2012 Elantra Touring and 2012 Sonata)/1,000 Litres (2012 Santa Fe). †♦◊Offers available for a limited time, and subject to change or cancellation without notice. See dealer for complete details.